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Remarks. On Board Bⁿ *Champlain* Off Rodriguez
Monday Oct. 7th 1861.

~~Had a~~
fine pleasant day with light winds. cruised
on different tack. done a little painting
carving, tinkering, &c. saw 13 different sail.
Took in sail as usual at night land bearing
E. by N. land bore S.C. in the morning.

Sharpener at work making a top sail yard.

Tuesday 8th

Clear & pleasant. moderate breeze. cruised on
different tacks. 10 sail in sight in the
morning & 2 at night. Land bore S.C. in the
morning 30 miles & N.E. by E. at night 12 miles.
saw a ship cutting in the morning.
made new fore brace pennant. Shifted cords
with the fore braces & drew & knotted some
yarns for spun yarn. Ships at work on the
yard.

Wednesday 9th

~~Had a~~ fine day with a good breeze
land bore N.N.E. in the morning 30 miles &
S.C. by E. 20 miles at night. made some
spun yarn. Ships at work on the yard. At 9 A.M.
boarded the French Bⁿ *Reine* (meaning Queen in
English) 18 days from Corinthe bound to
Mauritius. Capt. sent letters. I named the
brace after 3 P.M. did not take in sail but
beat to windward through the night.

Thursday 10th

Pleasant with light winds. The Town of Rodriguez
bore S.S.E. in the morning 20 miles distant. stood in
toward it on the wind & at 9 A.M. the Capt.
took a boat & boat crew & went on shore to see if
the Sergeant would take me & take care of him
for a few days. The ship lay off & on until he
returned which was at 3 P.M. the Sergeant was not
willing to have me brought ashore. The Capt. bought
150 lbs. of dried fish at 5 cts. per pound. The Chippies
of the *Champion* & *Carroll* were ashore, P.M.
land bore South at night 10 miles. saw 8 sail.

~~Had a~~
~~few~~ sick with fever.

Cruising off Rodriguez Friday Oct. 11th 1861.
It strong breeze & rugged.
ran off from 3 to 9 P.M. on the wind
the remainder of the day. broke out wood
& wet hold. gained the Joseph Maxwell & Co.
saw & sail. Land bore SW of S. in the morn
& E. at night 20 miles.

Saturday 12th.

A strong breeze & rugged. land bore E. N. E. in
the morning 25 miles. Island stood in under sea
of the reef & at 1.0. clock P.M. lowered the
boat with a crew & fish lines in order to
catch a boat load of fish. boat returned at
sunset with 45 fish. some very large. At
about 5 o'clock lowered the old boat & went
to the fishing boat & got some ^{fish} for supper.
broke out water & rove a new wheel rope.
The island bore E by S at night 24 miles.

Sunday 13th

Strong winds & rough. land bore about S by E.
in the morning 28 miles. in the morning Capt.
lowered a boat & went on board of the brig
that runs from Mauritius to Rodriguez for news.
got none. she was 12 days from Mauritius bound
into Rodriguez. we beat to windward on short
tacks took a pilot at 2 past 1. o'clock P.M.
& at 5 dropped anchor in the harbor of Rodriguez
tacked ship during the day about 15 times
the brig got in a little a head of us. saw & sail.
furled the sails washed off decks & took the Capt
ashore all hands on deck P.M.

Monday 14th.

A fresh breeze & some clouds. 8 men were sent
ashore to after breakfast to cut wood. Those on
board washed the old & about the the old
side of the ship outside & took a raft of 15 cask
to the shore & rolled them up. The boat went
from ship to the shore several times to fetch
& carry the Capt. &c. the Capt. Maxwell & Messenger
dropped their anchors here at 10 P.M. The wood choppers
returned at sunset & reported hard working.

The Capt. of the
Per. & Paraga Co.
came ashore.

Well & generally
gaining in the evening.

Pamela At Anchor In Rodriguez Harbor.
Tuesday, Oct. 15th. 1861.

A pleasant day. Sent down the main top-sail & yard before breakfast, after which the wood gang went on shore again, the rest of the co. finished washing the ship & went a-shore & filled the raft we took in yesterday & drove a little taring & several other small jobs to numerous to mention. Capt. Hocum comes of in the morning & gets breakfast & then goes to on shore again Mr. Howland went a-shore a little while PM. Chipp's at work making a new top-sail yard. saw 2 or 3 sail out side. The Charles Carroll came in & anchored PM.

Wednesday 16th

A hot sultry day. The wood gang were off again this morning by 3 o'clock. The rest of the co. got off a raft of water & stowed it down in fore & after hold & got about 120 lbs of fresh beef from the shore & done several other small jobs. Chipp's has got the top-sail yard done. The usual amount of gamizing done.

Thursday 17th

A thick muggy day, some rain got one boat load of wood & stowed it down. crossed the new top-sail yard & painted it. took a raft of 13 cask to the shore & filled them with fresh water & rolled them down to the beach.

PM. the first officers with a boat crew went a-shore & had a game of ball. The bark Peri came in & anchored at 9 PM.

Friday 18th

A hot muggy day, got 2 boat loads of wood & a raft of water & stowed down part of it. took the ^{old} boat off of the house & let the messenger have her. a boat crew were sent a-shore towards night to dress a bullock but came off at dark without any fresh meat. saw 3 or 6 sail out side.

Rodrigue Oct. 19 1861
got 2 boat loads of wood & a raft of
water & stowed down the wood & water
we got yesterday. The Thomas Pipe came in
Allen the Capt. of the ship came in P.M.
cleared up & washed off deck at 5 o'clock.
& adjourned work until Monday. & here
ends a week of hard work getting wood &
water.

Monday 20.

A fine day. The Ships co. were
allowed to go a-shore with the exception of
one boatswain & 6 men forward. drew lots to see
who should stop on board. it fell to my
lot to stop on board. but got ashore by
agreeing to give John St. citizens. Allen. White
& I kept together had a first rate time
eating berries drinking milk &c. brought
on board some berries & citrons. The usual
amount of gaming done. The Minerva Smyth
anchored near us at 1. P.M. There is more of
whale ships or rather barks & 2 brigs at anchor
in the harbor of Rodriguez.

Monday 21st

A Pleasant day. got 2 boat loads of wood.
stowed down the wood & water part of the
water we got Saturday. broke out flour &
2 cask of bread. Let the Teri have one
of them. also let her have 200 lbs of coal.
went a-shore in the morning & dressed a
bullock. we got 72 lbs of it. Capt Gifford & wife
& boy were on board to dinner. The
Navigators boat came in after Capt Fisher

Tuesday 22nd

Fine weather. Old watch had liberty. had
no money but them that liked had it. the
tobacco. Old watch got 2 tons of coal &
of the fore peak & let the Teri have it
stowed down the wood that was on deck &
painted the old side of the ship up to the
planks a-hair. took some bread a-shore brought
back some bread

one or two more a-shore

Rodrigue Oct. 23rd 1861.

It fine day. I had walked
ashore on liberty. I had watch got on
boat load of wood & painted the side
of the ship. Below the planks have & done
some small jobs in the rigging. Had a
skindz in the evening. The has 6 men
run away from the ship. 4 from Thomas-
Pope & 3 from Messenger.

Thursday 24th

Pleasant, our liberty is proceed.
Tared the fore & aft stays & got a small
raft of water & the last of the wood
abord & a load. some bread exchanged
for beans.

Friday 25th

It fine day. bent main top sail & lashed
up water & things about deck & got ready
for sea. Then the co. were allowed to
go a-shore (with the exception of a boats crew)
after citizens all returned to the ship
by sun-set but William H. George. he
undoubtedly has run away. Had a
general dance in the evening. W. Holland.
Native belonging to the Messenger died
this morning. Colors were set at half-mast
he was taken on shore & buried F. M.

Saturday 26th

A pleasant day. Capt came off to break fast
as usual after which went ashore. returned
at 3 P.M. hove up anchor. made sail & left the
harbor of Rodriguez. land fore & aft at night.
The Petit Messenger & Acapulco sailed to day
left the Carroll Rose & Minerva Tong H.

Recruit

170 lbs water & boat loads of wood. a
& sixth of beans. 200 lbs fresh beef. 2 bags
of potatos & the crew nearly all have a
good supply of citruses.

Off Rodriguez Sunday Oct 27th - 1861.

A pleasant day I had bore SSW in the morning 20 miles & by 8. at night 25 miles gained the At Bk Messenger after 4 PM.
& I made an agreement with Capt Gifford to go there & start a boat. Joe has got on deck again but has not returned to duty.

Monday 28th

Fine weather. set up Port main rigging.
& I picked up my things & moved over to the Bk messenger. First sight they saw a shoal of whales about 4 PM going quick to leeward.

Remarks on Board B.M. Messenger Oct. 29th - 61.

A pleasant day with a moderate breeze, run off most of the day. saw the Isle of Rodriguez in the morning bearing eastward 40 miles, painted the boat out side. set up bob stay & sundry other jobs to numerous to mention. gained the Kathleen in the evening. she was steaming with Camelia & Zephyr. saw 3 sail & water spout & rollers.

Wednesday 30th

Weather fine. fresh breeze. Shoured down toward Mauritius. run day & suff to night, mended the jib & main to gallant sail & several jobs in the rigging. saw 3 sail spoke the Camelia at dusk.

Thursday 31st

It fine day, run through the day & going to run through the night course west by north. done several small jobs in the rigging, saw 3 sail, spoke the Camelia at night.

Friday Nov. 1st 1861

Pleasant with the exception of one light squall of rain. painted boat, made the Isle of Mauritius at half past 10 A.M. bearing N. at 1/2 past one P.M. saw the Camelia with whale signal set & soon saw her boats down. stood for her & at 3 lowered. G.B. G.B. & Mast boats & chased them by sailing paddling & pulling until nearly sundown without success. the whales were going to leeward when we lowered. but to windward when we came a board. Camelia's mast boat struck one before we lowered, iron brok. Capt. Gloum & boat crew came on board a short time just dusk. Mauritius bore about N. 80° took in sail as usual on cruising ground.

Off Mauritius. Saturday Nov. 2nd 1861.

10. AM.



A. H. Parker

A fine day. at sunrise raised a dead whale took his along side & cut in the blubber on his body head & blubber being gone then commenced to try it out. it being a stinking black mess. Gamed the Kathleen & Pamelia in the evening. The Pamelia had the same whale along side last night but let him go again. Mauritius bore S.W. at night 80 miles. Saw 3 sail.

Sunday 3rd

Weather fine. finished boiling at 1. AM. made 12 lbs black oil. kept off in ev. with Pamelia & Kathleen at 3 PM. for Port Louis Mauritius dropped anchor there at 1. PM. doctor came off & Capt Gifford wife & boy went on shore. a boat from Pamelia went ashore for letters returned without any. gamed the Pamelia & Grace in the evening. 15 whalers at anchor here

Monday 4th

Weather good. painted the ship outside tarred some of the fore rigging & rare a new main-top-sail runner &c &c. boat went in to the city twice. soon gunning done, the Champion came in & the San Francisco went out. Gifford received 2 letters.

Tuesday 5th

A pleasant day. broke out sugar & meat & tarred some of the main & mizzen rigging. got some vegetables in the morning. Some of the co. went ashore to ship over. gamed the Pamelia in the evening.

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Wednesday 6th

Pleasant. broke out molasses & tarred some of the fore rigging. I was on-shore most of the day. soon gunning done in the evening.

Remarks On Board Messenger Star At Mauritius.

Thursday Nov. 9th 161.

Had a fine day broke out water & tar
coopered the stinkier oil & tarred some of the
main rigging. Capt Gifford was off in the
morning but soon went ashore again, boat
went in shore once, some gaming done.

Bl Teri came in to day.

Friday 10th

A pleasant day, nothing done. Boat went in
shore twice brought off some oil, junk a
fluke chain 100. lbs. of onions & 3 men. George
one of the boat sturrs has deserted. some
gaming done. Teri came in, one or two
whalers went out, & there are English & French
merchantman arriving & departing more or less
every day.

Saturday 11th

Weather fine, broke out water &
washed of decks. Boat went in twice Capt. Gif-
ford & wife & two shore gentlemen with their
wives were on board a short time T.W.
The usual amount of gaming done.

Sunday 10th

Pleasant, nothing done except gaming. Boat went
ashore once, I wrote a letter D.M.

Monday 11th

A fine hot day, broke out water, boat
went in shore stopped all the forenoon, the
usual amount of gaming done. Mainessa Smith
came in last night & the Mr. Maxwell to day,
one of the boats crew that went ashore
deserted.

Tuesday 12th

Weather fine, nothing done on board but wash
decks. Boat went in shore 3 times, brought
off 3 men & a few onions a bbl of ale &c, Capt.
wife & boy came off in the last boat which was
in there just night, some gaming done.
Bl Tamellia went out T.W. & now have about
a dozen sore fingers.

Remarks On Board e Messenger Nov. 13th - 1861.

A fine day with very light winds. have a short & washed off decks before breakfast. after which Capt went ashore. we got under weigh & stood out a short distance & hauled aback. Capt returned at 1 P.M. braced forward & stood from the ESE steering a W. course. got the anchors on the bow cables below broke out guns & washed off decks

Thursday 14th

Weather fine, & light winds. run off in the fore part of the day. cruised on the wind latter part. done sundry small jobs, jamed the Grating Thrush after 3 P.M. shortened sail at night. Mauritius bearing N. 40 miles

Friday 15th

Pleasant. made some spun yarn &c &c. cruised on the wind saw 3 sail & compasses. land bore about N.E. at night 30 miles

Saturday 16th

Fine weather. light winds. on the wind P.M. had a farewell jam with the Camelia from 12 to 2 P.M. course E. by S. 3rd M. saw one sail Mauritius bore N. 40 miles at night.

Sunday 17th

A clear pleasant day. sailed on the wind 2nd tack headed about E. land bore S. by W. at night 50 miles. saw one sail

Monday 18th

Weather fine. winds light. cruised on different tacks saw nothing but surprises. broke out coffee dried apples &c slops. sorted over & spread the jams on deck. killed a small pig just night Lat. 20.0 N.

Tuesday 19th

Pleasant with but very little wind. staved over the sail hen. & ripped up the sheathing on the 2nd side of the deck. it being worn through in many places. made new main tacks &c. copper making kegs. the work is off duty with sore arms. &c one man forward has been sick since leaving port.

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My fingers are so sore that I make an hard piece of

Remarks on board Messenger

Wednesday Nov 20th 61

Had a fine pleasant day with a light breeze steer'd in a westerly direction, rip'd up the sheathing on the starboard side of the deck. saw a large merchant ship.

Thursday 21st

Pleasant, fine light breeze, course N.W.E. could just head it on the starboard tack, overhauled the fore hold between decks stored up a lot of old boards down there Capt done a little blacksmithing & tinkering, my fingers are on the gain.

Friday 22nd

Weather fine, course N.W.E. free wind, done sundry small jobs. Capt. blacksmithing started beef for Mr. Thomas, the 3rd officer is now off duty he being sick.

Saturday 23rd

Pleasant, moderate breeze, fresh N.W. course from N to N.E. done sundry small jobs to numerous to mention. The cook & the man forward that were sick returned to duty Capt blacksmithing.

Sunday 24th

Pleasant, fresh breeze, course N.W.E. 2 points free. Starboard tack, nothing in sight.

Monday 25th

Fine pleasant weather with a moderate breeze. done a few small jobs in the rigging, at one o'clock P.M. passed a school of sperm whales right a head going quick, the last we saw of them was just before 4. o'clock. They were then 2 points abeam the weather being ship heading N.E. the course was N.W.E. all hands were called at 10 past 2 P.M. & got the boats ready for lowering. Mr Thomas has returned to duty having been off 4 days with a sore in his mouth.

Long. 58.5° E. Lat 13.11° S.

Remarks On Board B.th Messenger

Tuesday M^r, 26th - 1861

A pleasant day with a strong breeze. course N^W by S. nearly on the wind. done several small jobs about the rigging. the took in the light sails at night.

Wednesday 27th

A cloudy damp day. Several squalls of rain cruised on the wind. double reefed top sails took down main top gallant back stays & reefed up some others. second hand ones. Broke out water. discovered that the right whale oil was leaking. saw one sail. a whaler.

Thursday 28th

Shower & squally until 1 P.M. pleasant the remainder of the day with but very little wind. all hands to day. Broke out what oil there was on the bad side of the lower main hold. coopered it & run it down again. knocked off at 1 P.M. stoved 3 watches headed by 2nd, 3rd, 8th & 4th mates. There was somewhere about 130 lbs of the oil on board. saw one sail.

Friday 29th

A pleasant day. all hands were called at 3 A.M. stoved down the stinker oil (12 lbs) we captured off Mauritius. stoved off main hold & washed off decks by noon. some squally P.M. did but little except wash clothes. those that had the morning watch on deck had a watch below 3 P.M. Commenced to stand boat crew watches made 3 watches of the ship's co. the watches are headed by the 2nd, 3rd, 8th & 4th mates.

Saturday 30th

Raining in the morning. cloudy & damp the rest of the day. all hands are called at day light to make sail & at 7. o. clock one watch goes below. comes on deck again at 11 past 11 & an other goes below at 12. That brings one watch all day on deck in every 3, washed the ship inside. watch set at 8. P.M.

Sunday Dec. 1st - 1861

After a squally rainy night & forenoon had
lit pleasant until 3rd in the evening it then
came on to blow rain thunder & lightning but
lighted up again at 11, some pretty heavy
squalls.

Monday 2nd

Frequent squalls of wind & rain.
Done several small jobs between showers.
Steered from W by N to N^W, square of yards.

Tuesday 3rd

Light winds & hot. Had no rain but plenty
of squalls all around & some close by. Saw
one sail of the new iron, scared, P.W.
Done a little here & a little there made a
little springarn &c, a copper fitting fixing cask
Covered the skylight & pinned it to save old
stick of timber to catch some fish. plenty
there but could not catch them.

Wednesday 4th

A hot pleasant day light winds
course. P.W. took down the fore top-
gallant back-stays & put in the place
of them the ones we took down from the
main the other day, saw several white waters
shorten sail nights. Bancroft & Corkeel
dispatched the deck over the storage, & there
was several other small jobs done.

Thursday 5th

Hot & nearly calm. Done several jobs in &
about the rigging, course N.W. saw plenty
of porpoises but none came under.

Friday 6th

Pleasant light N.E. breezes. course N.W.
saw fiveacks porpoises &c, turned in main
to-gallant back-stays & done several other
small jobs in the rigging.

Remarks on Board J. B. Passenger

Saturday Dec. 7th - 1861

Pleasant with the exception of 2 light showers of rain. had but little wind wet hold. & started bps in the morning were on soundings found 18 fathoms water. spent the day fishing. caught about a lot of small fish & couple of mackerel & sharks. had but 3 or 4 lines & but few hooks & the sharks soon took them. the we made some but they did not work very well caught some from the ship & soon in boat on Fortune Banks. Lat 7. 16. S. Long. 87. 00. E.

Sunday 8th

Generally pleasant one or two light showers. course N. E. could not head it but a little part of the day. wind here & there & everywhere & sometimes a dead calm. scrubbed decks about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour for a breakfast spell. nothing more done but the regular routine of ship's duty. sounded in the morning but no bottom, somewhat of a lonesome day to me.

Monday 9th

Rained from 9. A.M. to 4. P.M. caught a lot of water one dolphin & 2 sharks. passed 2 sticks of timber. course N. E. wind light.

Tuesday 10th

Weather fine light winds from N. W. course N. W. made a little spay gear picked a little oakum & done several small jobs in the rigging.

Wednesday 11th

Same squally but no rain. course N. W. some of the time free & sometimes on the wind & then could not head our course. done sundry jobs to numerous to mention saw sulphur bottom whale

Lat 21. 57. S.

Remarks on board ^{C. B.} Passenger

Thursday Dec. 12th 1861.

A pleasant day with a very light breeze from N.E. sailed full & by the tack, made some spun yarn & some small line. saw sulphur bottom & fin back whales, plenty. Capt. schrimseuring nearly every day

Friday 13th

A pleasant day with the exception of a squall or two. Tramped around & done but little saw plenty of porpoises. Wind to the west & N.W. sailed on the wind different tacks. course. W. Lat. 4. 10. S.

Saturday 14th

Light winds & variable from S. & W. course N. could not head it much of the time. met whale made a little spun yarn &c. saw plenty of porpoises fin backs & sulphur bottoms.

Monday 15th Saturday 15th

Cloudy with a fresh breeze & frequent squalls of wind & rain. wind about S. E. on the wind Head tack. N.W. S.W. saw our regular whales. white water &c.

Sunday 16th

Cloudy with a moderate breeze & frequent showers. wind from S.W. to N.E. full & by different tacks. Co. at work repairing our old boat that came from Kamuela. saw whales but no good.

Tuesday 17th

After a rainy night & morning had a decent day for this part of the world. winds variable from N.E. broke out water & the Capt. done a little smitting. There is a strong current setting to the N.E. & we have been trying to get to the port for the last 2 weeks but have light head winds & a strong legal current & we make but little or no progress. we shorten sail nights. the Lat. is about 4. 00. S. & the Long 151. E.

Remarks on Board Bth Messenger Bear Made Banks.

Wednesday 18th of Dec. 1861.

Cloudy with a fresh breeze & frequent showers. close hauled on the 8th tack wind W.S.W. done but little. killed a pig started a cask of bread &c. did not take in sail at night. but commenced to stand sea watches again.

Thursday 19th

Same squally but no rain to speak of. wind about W.S.W. sailed on the 8th tack worked on the boat again to day. saw a white water. Lat 5° 26. S.

Friday 20th

All sort of weather, squally. raining. wind & rugged. wind about W.W.S. on the 8th tack most of the day. regular Fort Dauphine weather

Saturday 21st

After a squally rugged windly night had a pleasant day with a good breeze from W.W.S. wet hold. fasts night. the middle watch had to furl the fore-top-sail & fore-sail & close reef the main-top-sail. & hoist 8th. hoist & bear boat on the upper cranes. the latter job was unnecessary. we won't carry sail night & day trying to get to the westward somewhere I don't know where.

Sunday 22nd

Generally pleasant. some 2 or 3 squalls when they come it is haul down & clear down & when they are over hoist up again wind W.S.W. on 8th tack most of the day. Lat 5° 36. S.

Monday 23rd

Mostly pleasant with a fresh breeze. sailed on the wind different tacks. done a few small jobs here & there about ship.

Remarks on Israel Messenger.

Tuesday Dec. 24-1861.

Pleasant A.M. squally F.M. done several small jobs, not worth mentioning, sailed on different tacks. wind, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. Lat. 5. 23. S.

Christmas day. 1861.

Pleasant A.M. some squally F.M.

had a good breeze during the day, sailed on different tacks. done but little.

drove out meat apples & a cheese $\frac{1}{2}$ of which was sent into the steerage. had a long pan of gingerbread for ~~the~~ supper, saw hilles ~~the~~ ^{done} whale water & porpoises, some *Lobrionschonos* ^{done} Lat. 5. 35. S. Georg. 53. 00. E.

Thursday 26th

Cloudy A.M. pleasant p.m. sailed on different tacks. done but little. sounded in the morning found 15 fathoms water. lowered the 4th boat to catch some fish but without success.

Friday 27th

A pleasant day light winds from N.W. sailed on 4th tack. done sundry jobs. saw nothing going to windward.

The 4th mate is off duty with sore eyes. & one man forward is sick.

Saturday 28th

A fine pleasant day with a light breeze scattered the gams & several other small jobs. saw porpoises & a bullet hawk. the 4th mate on duty again.

Sunday 29th

A fine warm day. light winds from W & N.W. sailed close hauled different tacks saw porpoises. nothing done except the regular routine of ships duty.

I got the sun & reckoned up the latitude made it. 5. 14. S. 00.

Mr. Messenger is now cruising near St. E. Point of Shabie banks. have sighted & crossed 4th meridian & seen & a strong N.E. wind & rain & a

Passenger Seal Made Banks.

Monday Dec. 30th 1861.

It fine day with a good breeze from N.E. W. sailed on 2nd tack. Done several small jobs in & about the rigging. saw a white water. copper making brackets.

Tuesday 31st

Some cloudy with a strong breeze. sailed on different tacks. done several small jobs. at 8 A.M. threw the lead found 24 fathoms after 4 P.M. it again found about the same water. hauled up the courses & backed the main yards & lowered the 1st boat for the purpose of seeing if there was any fish, soon returned without success. So ends the year of 1861.

New years day. 1862.

A strong breeze & rugged wind N.W. sailed on the 1st tack. Broke out a pipe of water from between decks. drew some galls to make a ^{to} ~~for~~ seizing stuff Capt. hung a new grindstone P.M. saw white water & porpoise. copper employed in masking brackets. Lat 5.25. S

Thursday. Jan. 2nd - 1862

A pleasant day with a fresh breeze. sailed on 1st tack headed about N.W. done several small jobs in the rigging.

Long. 378. 56. E.

We carry sail night & day & then cannot hold our own.

Friday. 3rd

Pleasant. whole top sail braced the gong. yesterday at 2 P.M. was 58.56.4 & we have headed W by S. since 9 A.M. last night & at 2 P.M. to day it was 58.48.4. Done a little tinkering here & there but did not amount to much. saw the new moon

Lat. 2^o 48.15.

W. H. Ward. & Son. Hoboken.

At strong current setting. W. H. Ward.

Remarks On Board Messenger Near St. Mahe Banks.

Saturday January 4th A.D. 1862

It cloudy rainy squally day, we held & washed ship inside aft.

Sunday 5th

It squally windy rainy rugged day, sailed on different tacks, under pretty short sail, had one or 2 smart squalls.

Monday 6th

It fine pleasant day with a good breeze, sailed on different tacks with all sail set, occupied in putting new straps to the top-sail-brace-blocks, mended the job which was split open a short distance &c. saw nothing as usual. Lat. 3.24 N.

Tuesday 7th

Weather fine light winds, I sailed on that tack. Done a job or 2 in the rigging, broke out flour & water & killed a small dog. And

Wednesday 8th

Pleasant, light winds from the north course. W. I. rove over main top-sail-braces took the old ones & rove them forward put on some ratlines &c. struck a porpoise iron drew.

Thursday 9th

Pleasant, light winds from S.E. courses W. & W. W. I. done several small jobs in & about the rigging. nothing in sight.

Friday 10th

Clear & pleasant, light W. winds. course W. W. I. broke out meat molasses & vinegar. & done a job or two in the rigging. The molasses is measured out ~~at~~ ^{at} the foremast yards. I. spent a week & the beef & pork is hunched out something I. never seen to see on board *Famelia*.

Saturday Jan. 11th 1862.

Messenger Bear Leghelle or Mahe Islands
A Pleasant Day with the exception of
one or 2 light showers, course WSW 3.8
P.M. at 30° P.M. made the isle of Denis one of
the Géchelle islands bearing about 1.9 W. wet hold started
water & flour. took in sail at night.
did not see the sport of a fin-back.

Sunday 12th.

Pleasant, fresh breeze from N.E. after
stirring S.W. through the night at 1 A.M. kept
off 10° at day light & at 9 A.M. made
another of the Géchelle islands which goes
by the name of Birds island, it being
a low flat sandy small isle inhabited
by large numbers of birds. run down near
it & at 2 past 11 A.M. Cap. with boat, crew
took a boat & went in shore fishing
returned at sunset with about 1/2 M. of fish,
some 2 or 3 of the crew went on shore
there was about a dozen natives there
employed in catching & drying fish. There
was also to leeward of the isle a schooner
bearing up towards it. Denis isle was in
sight bearing about S. from Birds island
& distant 40 miles.

Monday 13th

Weather fine, good breeze on the wind
All course WSW M. mended the mainsail
nothing in sight. Lat. 2.35. S.

Tuesday 14th

A fine day. courses W by N. & S. S.W. started
water & stored & served the fish tackle straps
put up a new fore-top-gallant cross brace.
short sail night, saw a whale water.

Wednesday 15th

Very pleasant, courses from N.W. to S.W. &
back to W. again, done sundry jobs about
ship & in the rigging last night in the middle
watch Mr. Hatch & Peter had a bit of a miss
about sleeping on deck. Lat. 2.57. S.

Bkt. messenger. 8. or 4. degrees to the W. of Seychelle islands
Thursday Jan 16th - 1862.

Fine weather & we ~~spotted~~ whales.
course W & W. S. some tinkering here &
there about the rigging but nothing
that amounted to much. worked down
a men shot of lime for the I.B. boat.
shorten sail nights. Lat. 32° 45' S

Friday 17th

Pleasant. moderate breeze cruised on
the wind most of the day. Hld tack
wind. N.N.E. nothing close that amounted
to much, saw the sprit of a finback
did not shorten sail at night Lat. 32° 33'

Saturday 18th

Fristate weather. cruised on the wind
Hld. tack. wet hold & broke out
bread. we now have the molasses measured
out in the storage, doubled reefed &
at night. Lat. 32.53; another has gone &
no whales.

Sunday 19th

Clear & pleasant, light winds.
saw large numbers of porpoises,
cruised on the wind Hld. tack. had
headed about N.W. Lat. 32° 26'

Monday 20th

Fine smooth pleasant weather. A
good breeze cruised on Hld. tack. At
11 A.M. saw finbacks porpoises
grampus &c. put up a spring stay
on the mizzen & bent a topmast
studding-sail on it for a mizzen stay-
sail. & done some other small jobs

Tuesday 21th

Pleasant, light winds. broke out flour
& pork. at 2 P.M. raised black fish. lowered
the d. boat & chased until sundown bow boat
got at cow fish. I.B. struck & killed a black
fish. iron came out after hauling him to p of
the water & the fish sank

Spent 1/2 day E.

George H. G.

Bk messenger Cruising To The W. Of Geppelle Gal.

Wednesday Jan. 22nd - 1862

Weather fine light winds cruised on
Gob tach most of the day saw a large
Gulp her bottom & several porpoises caught
one the first one this season.

done but little. Lat. 5° 15' S.

Thursday 23rd

Pleasant light winds sailed on Gob
tack. headed N.E. most of the day
tried out the cow fish & porpoise
made gal^{ns}, cleaned out the scrap
cooler &c &c. saw our regular whales.
we carry all sail day & night Lat. 5° 15' S.

Friday 24th

Weather good, cruised on Gob tach
headed E.N.E. done sundry small jobs.
broke out beans & corn. Jim caught a
large Albicva measuring 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. in length
1 ft. 10 inches across the tail & weighed 132 lbs.
Lat 4° 30' S.

Saturday 25th

Clear & pleasant light winds cruised
on different tacks, saw grampus & porpoises.
met hold & broke out whale. Lat. 4° 20' S.
killed a small shoal.

Long 52° 00' E.

Sunday 26th

A hot sultry day no wind scarce.
~~had fresh~~ saw porpoises & skipjack
had a pigs nose sent into the
steerage for a meal. guess he did not mean
we should make ourselves sick eating
fresh pork. Lat 4° 16' S.

Monday 27th

Cloudy with a fresh breeze. cruised on
different tacks & shortened sail at night
hurried round & done nothing worth
of note. saw a piece of squid. & lot of
porpoises.

Right N.E. wind.

Cruising off Seychelle Islands

Tuesday Jan. 28th 1862

Cloudy with a W. SW wind S2 or 3 light showers of rain. Broke out best.

Lat. 3.2^oN Long 54.14.4^o

Wednesday 29th

Some squalls with a strong freeze. broke out water from lower hold. cruised under short sail.

Thursday 30th

A strong breeze & squalls. cruised under short sail & on different tacks.

Lat. 3.11.5^o Long. 53.11.15^o

Friday 31th

High winds & rough. broke out lower over brailing sheet. cruised on different tacks. saw porpoises.

Latitude Feb. 1st-162

Pleasant with a fresh breeze. cruised on different tacks. wet hold. caught a porpoise.

Sunday 2nd

Pleasant. cruised on different tacks. at 5 P.M. lowered the whale boat & Lebb. boat for killers with out success.

Monday 3rd

Weather fine. moderate breeze at 10 A.M. lowered the whale boat for killers grampus without success. at 1.0. clock P.M. sighted one of the Seychelle islands bearing SW stood in towards it until 5 then sounded. found bottom. lowered the whale boat for fish caught nothing.

Tuesday 4th

Pleasant. good breeze. stood off from the land last night & in towards it to day sighted it again at 5. P.M. bearing about SW. fixed the pump boxes, saw a white water porpoise. Lat 3.30.5^o

Mr. H. Smith West
M. M. 1862

Cruising Near Sezchelle Islands.

Wednesday - day Feb. 5th 1862.

It was a pleasant day. Light winds.

3 or 4 of the Sezchelle islands in sight. caught 2 porpoises. at 5 P.M. raised a shoal of sperm whales. lowered just before sunset & about 5 minutes after the sun had set. Gob. boat succeeded in striking one. Gob. boat went on to same whale missed him. The whale then sounded & run so that we could not get up to him & it came on dark & we were left held on to him through the night. whale sounding all the while & taking from 15 to 50 fathoms at a time. had but one iron in him 3 boats held on by that the other went to the ship as soon as day light appeared got another boat fast to Mr. Hatch shot a harpoon into him & killed him almost instantly. ship near by took him along side & had him cut in by 1 P.M. Gob. watch then went below. the watch on deck cleared away the jaw & started the works. so ends Thursday Feb. 6th 1862.

Friday 7th

Weather fine. saw the land. & all hands on deck employed in cutting up & rendering rubber setting up craft &c &c.

Saturday 8th

Pleasant. light winds. saw 2 or 3 islands bearing about SW. all hands finished rendering at 10 A.M. turned up 30 lbs. started water cleared up & washed of decks. Gob. boat crew watches at night.

Sunday 9th of Feb. 1862.

G. B. B. M.

Weather wind

Off Seychelle Islands

Tuesday Feb 9th 1862.

Pleasant. light winds. in the morning raised a sail. stood toward her & she toward us. at 1 P.M. she lowered her boat. & sailed to leeward. we thinking she saw whales or blackfish so we down boats & gave chase until nearly night when her boats hove up. spoke one of her men. it proved to be the North West. & had lowered for a whale water & chased it all the afternoon. gamed her in the evening. saw land.

Lat. 3, 35. S.

Monday 10th

weather fine. broke off ^{drop} iron & coppered the oil. at 11 A.M. lowered the old boat for blackfish. they were going quick to windward & could not get clear enough to harpoon one. saw Dennis & Bird Islands stand in close to the latter. Lat 3, 51. S.

gamed the N. West. John Bravo the man that started the old boat & missed that whale the other day, has resigned & gone forward, have got another man from the N. West. in his place.

Tuesday 11th

Pleasant. good breeze. all hands to day slowed down the oil. 36 lbs. in old lower main hold. washed ship inside &c. about the middle of the day lowered the boat for blackfish but I did not succeed in striking any of them. after 4 P.M. lowered the old boat & went in shore at bird island fishing caught & 15 or 20 lost all their tools ~~there~~ there were 4 or 5 more of the Seychelle islands in sight during the day. saw the P.P.

Cruising Near Bird. Dennis & Frigate Islands.

Wednesday Feb 12th 1862.

Pleasant weather. I not much done but wash clothes. Gamed the Osceola 2nd Capt. Barker 26 months out 600 spm. saw the North West just right with her boats chasing white-sablers or some thing else I don't know what bird island in sight P.M.

Thursday 13th

Weather fine. broke out water & started beef. Gamed the Platina & N. West. Platina Capt Allen 18 months out 5.50 lbs sperm. saw bird island & the Osceola.

Friday 14th

Some raining A.M. & cloudy P.M. saw 2 sails & bird island & land. 1400 56.5.

Saturday 15th

Some squally & rainy we held broke out dried apples & pork. saw frigate & several other islands. saw 2 sail, one the Gannet she being on our weather gr. went off for us from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. she then being on our weather beam Capt Gifford not seeing disposed to hoist up his main-sail & have a gun. she tacked ship & went off on the other tack.

Sunday 16th

Pleasant, fresh breeze. saw land & black-fish lowered the waist boat for them but did not strike. after 2 P.M. gamed the Gov. Carver. Gannet & Osceola. the Carver. Sherman 15 months out 5.50 spm. Gannet. Coffin 30 months out 6.50 spm.

Monday 17th

Very squally. took down main-top-sail & set mended it & bent it forward. bent a second hand, one at the main, saw 4 sail & land killers &c.

Cruising off & around Seychelles Islands.

Tuesday 18th of Feb - 1862

weather fine. 3 or 4 islands & 3 sail in sight. at 3 P.M. lowered the 3rd & waist boat for blackfish. waist boat succeeded in capturing one.

Wednesday 19th

Pleasant with light winds. done supply small jobs about ship. Capt of the S. West on board most of the afternoon saw 2 more sail & 4 or 5 islands. were pretty handy to Denis island just right I commenced to stand sea watches again.

Thursday 20th

Pleasant. Laying off & on at Denis island in co. with the S. West the Captain with 2 boats & crew ashore Capt Gifford returned at 8 P.M. we then got things ready for anchoring. Let go the Port anchor at 10 past 6 in 18 fathoms of water the island being 1 1/2 mile distant. the S. West anchored about 4 P.M. Capt brought off in the boat some green coconuts a good mess of fish & a few ears of green corn. stood boat crew matches, cleaned the fish & ground the axes during the night

Wednesday 21th

Weather fine. All hands called at daylight. the waist & boat boats were sent on shore (after breakfast) with their respective crews to cut wood. those ashore broke out water from 3rd. lower fore hold & tried out the black fish we captured the other day 1/2 lbs of it. the Capt. wife & boy ashore all day just brought out 2 boat loads of wood. Hatch. St. Thomas. Bancroft & Gifford stood the watch.

Messenger at anchor near Denis Island
Saturday Feb. 22nd 1862.

Weather fine. co. employed in cutting, boating & stowing down wood got 7 boat loads. saw a steamer bound toward Alex Mahr.

Sunday 23rd

Pleasant. nothing done. 1st watch were allowed to go ashore H.M. Lfd. T. H.

Monday 24th

Weather good co. employed in chopping boating & stowing down wood at sunset came along side with the last of it & loads to day. making 18 boat loads in all. & have stowed down most of it.

Tuesday 25th

Come equally with a fresh breeze, all parties called at day-light took our anchor & went to sea. got the anchors on the bows stowed away the cables & the remainder of the wood put the craft in the boats & washed off decks by 1.30 P.M. done laundry other jobs the H. West came out at the same time. saw a merchant brig at M.

Recrews. 18 feet.

loads of wood. 150 coconuts. 3 bags full of green coconuts of dry a ~~at~~ sixth full of mung apples. a few pumpkins &c.

Wednesday 26th

Pleasant. H.M. Come equally. T. H. new strapped the decks down & fishhook saw lamp & one sail.

Thursday 27th

Equally raining & some rugged. cruised on different tacks under short sail. saw the H. West & Lard.

Remarks On Board Bk. Messenger Off Seychelles
Friday Feb. 28th 1862. Islands

Weather fine. nothing
done worthy of note. saw one sail.

Saturday March 1st 1862.

Pleasant weather. hauled the
fore hold &c. gained the S. West
after. 4 P.M. Lat. 32°.

Sunday 2nd

Pleasant. light breeze steered from N.
to W. most of the day. saw penbacks &
the S. West

Monday 3rd

Fine weather light winds. steered a
westerly course. luff to at night &
took in sail & began to stand for ~~the~~ ~~Maldives~~
Brats crew matches. saw desis & bird
island. at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 A.M. lowered the fore
Waist & bow boats for black fish.
without success. saw the S. West.

Tuesday 4th

Pleasant. saw a large shoal of cow
fish porpoises &c. at 2 P.M. lowered
2 boats & went in to bird island
egg ing & fishing. got 2 buckets of eggs
no fish. saw the S. West.

Wednesday 5th

Weather fine caught a cow fish in the
morning & at 5 P.M. lowered 3 boats for
black fish std. boat captured one.
S. West. in sight also bird island.

Thursday 6th

Pleasant with a fresh breeze. broke
out water from after lower hold & got
bored the blubber we took a terdays
at 4 P.M. struck on a shoal
hauled aback the head yards & over
puff lines fished until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10
when the bottom fell out. caught
2 lbs. the shoal bears about ~~the~~ ~~cross~~
bird island & is just out of sight of it.
7 fathoms water

Friday March. 7th - 1862.

Pleasant with a fresh breeze. nothing in sight done but little.

Saturday 8th

A fresh breeze N. N. E. Slight F. N. painted 2 of the overhead boat wet hold &c. struck a cow-fish, squared one. saw bird island ~~at~~ ^{at} 8 A.M. sea watches again had a squall in the evening that striped up the m. t. g. stay-sail.

Sunday 9th

Very pleasant, saw killers & cow-fish struck a cow-fish line parted & away went the porpoise iron. Capt of the N. West came aboard a ~~at~~ few minutes just night bird island bore N. E. ^{W.} at night 6 miles.

Monday 10th

A clear pleasant day. with a light breeze. at 8 A.M. squared away in cov. with the N. West. for Mahe it being to the South & West of us. gained the N. W. from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. passed Denis island about noon. just night got up the cables & got the lead anchor off of the bow then tugged to with the head yards aback & took in sail. Trowson & Mahe bearing about 45° ²⁵ miles caught several good sized fish during the night

Tuesday 11th

Pleasant with a very light breeze. kept off for Mahe & made all sail early in the morning run through the day but made but little progress as the wind was light. took in sail & hauled aback at sunset Mahe bearing ^{25°} Trowson ~~18~~ ¹⁵ miles gained the N. W. again all day saw Denis island N. N. E. bearing N. W. saw another sail, guess to-morrow if we have a breeze we will get into

Remarks on Board Bkt Messenger Bear Make.

Wednesday, March 12th - 1862

Calm until 8 A.M.

then got a light fore breeze which lasted until 1 P.M. then gradually died away. arrived off a breast of the Harbor shortened sail & luffed to the wind at dark

Thursday 13th

Had a pleasant day with a cool breeze took a pilot at 8 A.M. & at 1 P.M. dropped anchor in the harbor of Make. painted the sails. washed the ship, out side. broke out a lot of casks for water. took the Capt, wife & boy ashore &c. The W. West anchored a short time before us. There is one or 2 French brig's & 2 or 3 schooners at anchor here.

Friday 14th

One or two showers. got a raft of 120 lbs water & hoisted it in. painted most of the lead side of the ship up to the planks. boat went from the ship to the shore 3 times. A French steamer anchored in the outer harbor Capt Lifford & wife of F.M. soon went ashore carried some grub guess they found not to much on shore.

Saturday 15th

Same showers. wet hold. finished painting the lead side of the ship. stowed down the water (120 lbs) &c, boat went in 3 times. The peri anchored nearer about a past 1 A.M. having taken 25 lbs since leaving Manistee.

Sunday 16th

Weather fine. nothing done. All hands on board A.M. P.M. the first mate with his boat crew went on shore.

Bth. Passenger at anchor in Made.

Monday March 17th - 1862.

Weather fine, pumped a lot of water from the lower hold forward & stowed it between decks in pipes. got another raft of water & run some of it into the cask we pumped. One of the Portuguese & the 2nd mate had a bit of a muss. put the one in irons. the other goes then all came up & wanted to be put in irons. the mate told them to paint themselves forward about there business they all went forward & have heard no more from them.

Tuesday 18th

Some showers, run down the remainder of the water we had on deck stowed off the fore hold between decks, stowed a lot of meat in the after hold. got another raft of water & took it in on deck. done a little painting &c &c. boat went in shore 3 or 4 times brought off a few potatoes pumpkins &c.

Wednesday 19th

Equally stowed the water we got yesterday, stowed off & broke out the after hold 2, or 3 times messenger fashion. got another raft of $\frac{1}{4}$ water (6 cask), painted the bottom side of the ship &c &c.

Thursday 20th

Equally stowed below all the cask &c that was on deck & gave the ship a thorough washing inside. the boat goes in shore more or less every day

Friday 21th

Shower. Labd watch were allowed to go ashore on liberty & for liberty money were allowed the a pair of long pants or a hickory shirt. Labd watch done but little. I tried all day to sell a pair of shoes so as to get a little money but did not make it

cont

Saturday ~~22nd~~ ^{23rd March 22nd 1862.}

8th d. watch on Liberty. 12th d. watch painted the plank share water way hatch comings &c. the mail steamer arrived from Eden. A Mr. an English Hooper that had been quarantined for the last week came in to day.

Sunday 23rd

Pleasant. 8th d. watch on Liberty, nothing done on board.

Monday 24th

A hot day. 8th d. watch on Liberty. 12th d. watch employed in painting ship inside. There was a miss on board off the North West. Between the 2nd mate, a boatswain & the cooper. Mr. Elbridge was called upon to go on board & if he went over. They sent me in shore for Capt. Dyer bar. He came off & tied them up.

Tuesday 25th

Clear & hot. 8th d. watch on Liberty. 12th d. watch finished painting ship.

Wednesday 26th

A very hot day. Started water. 8th d. watch on Liberty. Capt. Gifford & wife & Capt. Mr. Franklin & his wife were on board & spent the day.

Thursday 27th

Showers off day. Liberty is up, got a small raft of water & stowed it down stowed down the slop cask &c. The mate went ashore. P.M. & a boats crew in the evening. some bananas pumpkins & water melons came on board in the evening.

Friday 28th

Pleasant, A.M. showers P.M. done sundry little jobs getting in readiness to sail. Capt. was off a short time about noon. Boats crew on shore in the evening.

Mahe March 29th - 1862

It was a
day with several showers. done
several small jobs. Capt Gifford
& wife came off ~~the~~ with bag baggage
just right. The mate & 3d were
ashore P.M.

Sunday 30th

Showers & hot. Capt & wife ~~were~~
& went ashore after dinner rained so
they did not return.

Monday 31th

Calm. Showers & hot. a boat went
in for Mrs Gifford in the morning Capt
he went up to the town for the
ships papers. came on board at sunset
with out them. Consul's office was not
open during the day. suppose he was drunk
as usual, the said were loaded in the
morning & purled at night all ready
to get to sea as soon as we can get the
ships papers.

Tuesday April 1st

Calm Showers & hot, a boat went in
to the town with the Capt. in the
morning stopped until noon then
came off ~~the~~ to fetch 3 of the Terres men
who hung away 2 days previous, then
shored up again then off to the ship
& took Mrs. Gifford ashore to Capt. Mr.
Parsons stayed there until sun down
then returned with her to the ship, then
went in to the city & took the Capt. off
the Capt. got the papers about 1/2 PM
but there was no wind during the day.
The North West tried to ~~the~~ take her
anchor but could not break it from the
bottom broke one windlass brake & bent
the other. our said were loosed & purled
as usual, hope we will have a breeze tomorrow
for I have seen enough of Mahe

Wednesday April 2nd 1862.

Early this morning took our anchor & left Nase. had to tow her until breakfast time. then got a light breeze which took us out quickly. had one of the Terns boat to help us stop, had one or two light showers. Parrot's Isle bore N.W. Nase 33°. & Groton 33° at night. took the anchors on the bows but did not lash them nor unsheath the cables. the N.W. West got her anchor & towed a little way & met a head wind & were obliged to let it go again.

~~Trade~~
Receipts: 325 lbs water, 1200 lbs sweet potatoes, 39 bushels bananas, 125 pumpkins, 30 water melons, one bushel of oranges & hogs, &c &c, potatoes $\frac{1}{2}$ ct per lb, 100 pounds, bananas 10cts per bunch, melons 5cts a piece.

Thursday 3rd

Hot & calm. lowered twice for black-fish once 7 A.M. & once P.M. got 2 A.M. Tern boat. 1. Garboard heat struck 2 saved one. saw denis prout & parrot islands.

Friday 4th

Had a light breeze from the north course. I tried out the black-fish made 2k lbs. shorten sail nights. saw land.

Saturday 5th

Nearly calm & very hot. wet holes & cracked water. Large numbers of black-fish around. lowered 2 boats 4 times for them but they swam a little to much, fell in with the old N. West Capt was aboard of her from 3 to 6 P.M. I was in hopes we should not have seen her again.

Course, S.E.

Remarks On Board B.^t Passenger

Monday April 6th - 1862.

Light winds & hot. course N.E. saw
gramphissas corn fish & sail'd a small
island. Lat. 42°. South.

Monday 7th

Weather fine. light winds course N.E.
set up the fore-sprit gages back-sprits
&c. parted one of the jib boom gages
the N.W. in sight. Capt Schrimmeling
& the old Roman washing.

Tuesday 8th

Pleasant with a light breeze course
N.E. N.W. E. S.E. T.W. the N.W. went
out of sight off our lee or about 11 AM
good reliance to her. done several small
jobs in the rigging. caught a porpoise.
Lat. 44° 58' S. Long 134° 58' E.

Wednesday 9th

A very pleasant day with light winds,
course E. N.W. N.E. S.W. we met a whale
boat falls & done several other small jobs
in the rigging. saw fin backs & grampus
sailed at night

Thursday 10th

Heavily calm & pretty hot. whale and
sugar & corn & plotted down some
black-fish oil. &c. nothing in sight.

Friday 11th

Splendid weather had a light breeze
from the S.W. varied on the wind &
different tacks also saw fin backs,
done a little tinkering as usual.

Saturday 12th

Clear with a light breeze from S.W.
crossed on Sthly tack. nothing in sight
done 2 or 3 jobs in the rigging &c. The mate
& second mate had a bit of trouble about
being hold. Capt with 2 or 3 to hell him

(Schrimmeling)

Remarks On Board Bkth Messenger
Lunelar April 13th - 1862.

Had a very light breeze part of the day from the North, course S. E. S. W. saw 2 fin backs. Lunelar on board of a whaler in a calm this is rather a lonesome day.

Monday 14th

It pleasant day with a good breeze. course S. E. S. W. could just about head it close hauled on the Gold tack. made a little spruzza done several little jobs in the rigging. boxed up some of the old man's Lockhittinging &c. &c. saw fin-back. struck a porpoise iron drew. Lat. 5.12.5.

Tuesday 15th

Pleasant with the exception of 2 or 3 light showers winds light course S. E. W. gales braced sharp on the Gold tack, saw our regular whale. tinkered around & done nothing of any amount. copper at at work making a fit the best gets a head up backwards. Lat 6.05th

Wednesday 16th

A strong breeze & squally on the wind Gold tack nothing in sight we were so bad reefed & furled the main sail after breakfast. broke out water

Thursday 17th

Time squally N. Pleasant P.M. crossed on the wind different tacks done a small job or 2 in the rigging. Lat. 7.15 S. Long. 61.50 E.

Friday 18th

Squally. sailed on Gold tack headed from S. to S.E. shortened sail at night broke out flour & meal. split the job in a squall in the morning, sent it in & mended it, bent another in its place, 2 men forward back

are fish in this
part of the world.

Sperry Whales

Brown & Lyanard
With Barky.

Bk Passenger near Gazar de Milla Bank.
Saturday April 18th - 1862.

Generall clearant set hold & done
several other small jobs. Shortened sail
at night.

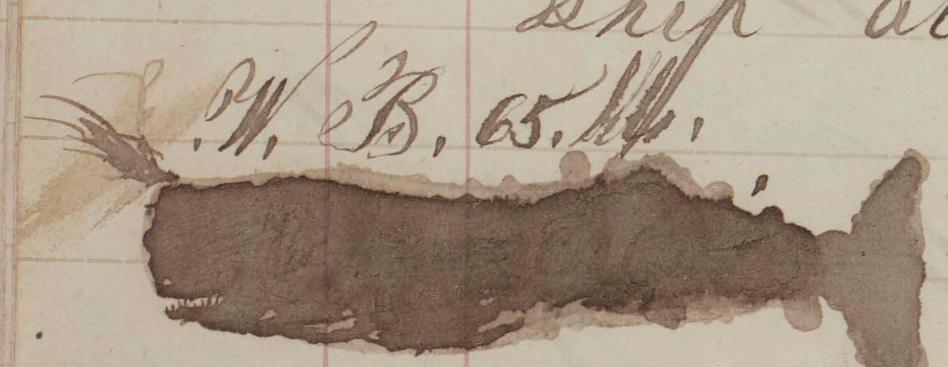
Sunday 20th

Pleasant with a fresh breeze cruised on
different tacks. Struck on the edge of
the bank about 1.0. clock P.M. Then
run off until 5 steering about West.
saw fin-back whales. Had ~~the~~ ~~the~~

Sunday after Generall runs around
& we have added nothing to ~~the~~ ^{our} small
stock of oil since the 5th of Feb. - 62.
Hard luck seems to have us company
where-ever we go. The old saying is a long
road that never turns & I should ^{think} if
there is any truth in that we must
be in the neighborhood of a fern.

Sunday 21st

Pleasant with a fresh breeze. At
1.0. P.M. I raised a shoal of sperm
whales. lowered the 2nd boats about 8
third mate went on first & gallied them.
whales put off to leeward, about 10 ~~PM~~
seconds mate succeeded in striking one &
he took his line in a short order but
soon came up again & the third mate struck
him & between the two got him along side of the
ship at 12.5. clock the angle kept off after



W. B. 65. M.

two that went to leeward & suc-
-ceeded in getting along side of one
about 3 P.M. & I threw both irons
against him but neither of them held on
much. (supposed to be slack blubber) They
then renewed their speed & the ship being nearly
out of sight to windward gave up the chase & pulled
for the ship arrived together with the 4 mate (who had
lowered & came on after us) at sunset those on board
had commenced to cut, lashed down, got supper & set the
watch 3 watches

Off Gazar. De. Alilla Banks

Tuesday April 22, 162.

Pleasant, but little ground finished cutting at 12.45 M. took the case & jidck in separate. 3 P.M. started the work failed the ~~at~~ ^{the} case so got that. over board cleaned the jar & remove the cutting gear &c. watch set about 1 by watches

Wednesday 23rd

Pleasant, light winds, all hands to day employed in cutting up & rendering the rubber setting up craft &c. &c. one man to the mast head, saw a sail

Thursday 24th

Weather fine, all employed in rendering rubber, all hands on deck, one watch looked on & see the other work in the forenoon & the other in the afternoon started water, some excitement just night in consequence of a shoal of turtles. got the boats ready

Friday 25th

Had several small showers, finished boiling the rubber about daylight had the fat lean around all the forenoon turned up 65 lbs. stowed down the prime machine tubs &c lashed up the oil, cleaned up & washed off decks, saw a white water, had a watch below to day.

Mr. Thomas tried to pick a growth with me this morning because I took out some cinders, the board I was trying to do his work, but he did not make much by it, the mate told him he was a hell of a third mate trying to pick a muss with a man for that, expect I shall have to go pretty straight after this or else I shall get sent to the mast head, or some thing

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Bkt. Passenger. Cruising Off Gayar. De Milla Banks
Saturday April 26th - 62.

A pleasant day with a good breeze, sailed on different tacks working up toward where we saw that shoal of whales last morning, wet hold. broke out coffee &c coppered some of the oil. nothing in sight.

Sunday 27th

Weather fine, cruised on different tacks, were on the edge of the bank at noon saw large numbers of porpoises.

Lat. 16.01.51

Monday 28th

Had a fine day with the exception of two or three showers of rain, all hands to day, broke out lower hold aft on the starboard side & stowed down the oil 61. lbs. stowed off the hold again & washed off decks. That brought sight of it.

Tuesday 29th

Pleasant with a good breeze cruised on different tacks. washed the ship inside & outside & washed clothes, &c. nothing in sight.

Wednesday 30th

Weather fine. nothing in sight, done but little except cleaning deck, copper done a little masonry around the try works &c.

Thursday May 1st - 62

A fine day, light winds, cruised on different tacks, nothing in sight overhauled & stowed up the fore hold sent down the cutting blocks &c, copper fixing old cask, the bone fewer trages high about this time, some have got a little bone & the others are in a peck of trouble, one will come along & say are you going to give me a piece of bone & another will say come give me a cane & so it goes. Lat 19.36.15,

Off Sayer De Maka Banks.

Friday May 2nd A.D. 1862.

A fine day. light winds. cruised on the port tack. nothing in sight. cooper at work on old cask. 2 men at work setting pieces into the deck. stored down 3 or 4 old cask in the fore hold. cleaned the spades &c
Lat. 8.345°.

Saturday 3rd

Clear & calm most of the day. were on the banks untill 4 P.M. from 13 to 15 fath. water. &c. employed in catching & cleaning fish found very good fishing right about the banks.

Sunday 4th

Pleasant with a light air part of the day. have drifted back over the bank again. Lat 8.49.5°. first 3 years from home to day. 30 months was spent on board Bk. *Pamelia* (Glosum) before the mast. the remaining 6 on board Bk. *Messenger* (Gifford) as boatswain. took 5050 lbs. of whale in the *Pamelia* & 100 atpm in the *Messenger*.

Monday 5th

A calm day & hot. done sundry jobs saw whale water just right. have drifted off of the banks. Lat 8.30.

Tuesday 6th

Another calm day. had several pretty wet showers. all hands & the cork schrimshor saw a Merchant ship. Lat 8.31.

Wednesday 7th

Had several light showers together with a light breeze all the fore & middle part of the day. latter part calm course 8°. started water cleaned the try-works put a new step to the fore Spencer top-in-lift &c. saw a sail.

Bt. Messenger Off Gazar de Nekha Banks.

Thursday May, 8th - 1862.

A strong breeze from N.E. cruised on the wind different tacks, 2 men at work setting pieces into the ~~old~~ deck, copper on old scurves

Friday 9th

A strong breeze & rugged, done sundry jobs gained P the Platina after 3 P.M. I got a letter from G. G. B. dated Aug 12th - 60.

Saturday 10th

Pleasant. a strong breeze. At M. moderated some P.M. tinkered around & done nothing as usual, saw the Platina right & head all day that would not be any way to work for whales. were on the Banks just night

Sunday 11th

Pleasant with a fresh breeze. A cruised on different tacks, saw the Platina. the fore top gallant back stay parted. lay aback through the night.

Monday 12th

A fresh breeze & some squalls, added fixed the broken back stay temporarily. had some rain in the evening & one clap of thunder that was very near.

Tuesday 13th

After a rainy squally night I had a pleasant day. nothing in sight, all hands Schrimshoring. copper made a hog lubber.

Wednesday 14th

A squally showery day. nothing in sight. Schrimshoring is the principal business now a day I finished a pair of shoes that I had been making for O. A. it was the first pair that ever I attempted to make & I guess it will be the last. were on the banks in the evening.

Thursday May 15th - 1862.

Frequent squalls of wind & rain.
cruised on different tacks. struck a porpoise just night iron drew scrimshoring
of all kinds going on.

Friday 16th

Squally. broke out bread &
starred water & repaired ^{one of the} bow-split
shrouds & one of the back ropes. They
were both stranded. ~~and~~ ^{it} there
is some of the old rigging dripping
in two almost daily.

Saturday 17th

Frequent squalls of wind & rain.
we held sail a white water, run
off for it.

Sunday 18th

A moderate gale with frequent
squalls. cruised on different tacks.
It was a fine day.

Monday 19th

Pleasant with a strong breeze.
nothing in sight, made a new lead
line & shifted ends with the old fore-tack.

Tuesday 20th

Weather fine. had a fresh breeze.
nothing done that amounted to
much, some little tinkering as usual.
sailed on Lbd tack & guess by
the way he carried sail he is bound
South somewhere. headed about S.E.W.

Wednesday 21th

Pleasant. moderate breeze. on the
Lbd tack most of the day. copper
& old man made some splinters for
the top-gallant back stay & put
them up. saw 6 large breeches 8 or 10
miles to windward supposed it ~~to~~
to be sperm whales.

Remarks on board Messenger.

Thursday May 22nd - 1862.

Pleasant light breeze. sailed on different tacks, done several jobs about the rigging.

Friday 23rd

Weather fine with a fresh breeze. on different tacks working south. do not shorten sail weight; sent down the main top sail & bent another in its place & then commenced mending the old one, kept with one or two to help him repairing the fore-hatch ~~open~~ coverings. Lat 12.35[°]S.

Saturday 24th

A strong breeze. on lbd. tack headed S. by E. most of the day, at work on the top-sail. Lat 13.16[°]S in about the longitude of Mauritius.

Sunday 25th

Pleasant with a moderate breeze, sailed on lbd. tack. headed S. by E. most of the day, wind veered to the south in the evening & knocked her off to S.W. Lat 15.20.

Monday 26th

A fine day with light winds, headed about S. on lbd. tack, finished mending the top-sail & bent it again at the main. bent the one that was there forward, the old one coming down for repairs. the Vice was taken down a week ago & painted & has not yet been put up. suppose he wanted to put a stop to some of the Schrimsehoning, fresh work for supper.

Remarks On Board Messenger On her
passage from Loyer to Milla Banks
south.

Tuesday May 27th 62

Weather fine, on different tacks
we employed in mending the old
top-sail we sent down yesterday.

Wednesday 28th

Pleasant light head winds, on
sounding a good part of the day.
2 men on the look-out for land
through the night, mended an old
jib-ree, old man a grafting a block-strap
to the copper making keys.

Thursday 29th

Very pleasant light S.E. winds, sailed
on different tacks, started water & done
several other small jobs, about past 2
P.M. made ~~the~~ several of the Georges
islands, begining E. by S. I saw the
cocoanut tree on extra cor. isle & sang
out for a sail. Lat 15.42¹⁵ Long ~~5~~ 9.55¹³
There is 6 islands in the group, saw 4 or 5
all low small & sandy.

Friday 30th

Clear pleasant weather, started
water & done 3 or 4 small jobs in
the rigging, saw land ~~not~~ 16., sailed
on different tacks.

Saturday 31st

Weather fine done several small
jobs in the rigging, light S.E. wind
on different tacks. 17.24.

Sunday June 1st 62.

Pleasant, light breeze fore part
of the day breezed up latter part on
the eastern tack, fell in with 2
merchant ships (Capt.). went on board of
one made but a short stop as they had
the Cholera were 2 day from Mauritius report
ed the death of the Capt. of the Latina.

Lat. 17.24.

Monday 2nd 1862

A strong breeze rough on different tacks
saw. Saw one of the St. Bernard or Largados
Garajis islands. Lat 16. 50. S.

Tuesday 3rd

Pleasant with a strong breeze on
the Southern tack. Done several little
jobs about ship & in the rigging.
Some Lchrumsenning going on. Lat 17. 10. S.

Wednesday 4th

Weather fine. fresh breeze made a
little sprungarn &c. at 2 P.M. made
the isle of Mauritius bearing S.
saw in sight till we could see flat
island light then packed ship.

Thursday 5th

Had a fine day, on different tacks
trying to work to to windward
but apidly made but little
progress. Mauritius in sight through
the day, crew cleaning old muskets.

Friday 6th

Pleasant moderate breeze, on different
tacks found to Rodriguez, done
several little jobs in the rigging,
Mauritius fore & aft by N. at night.
saw a merchant sail

Saturday 7th

Fine weather. a moderate whole side
breeze on different tacks. Mauritius
just in sight at night bearing N. W.
saw 2 merchant sail in the morning.
set hold &c.

Sunday 8th

Equally N.W. a steady breeze P.M.
from the east. on Port tack
most of the day, saw a merchant-
sail N.W. isle of France just in sight
from masthead

Monday June 9th 1862
Remarks on board ~~the~~ ^{the} Messenger between
Mauritius & Rodriguez, & bound to the
latter port for recruits. Had a fine
day with the exception of a slight
shower of rain, sailed close hauled
on port tack. headed about S.E. by S.
A.M. & P.M. came up to E. S.E. broke
out molasses. saw a sail.

Tuesday 10th
Pleasant with a strong breeze
steered E. N. W. 4 points free Label tack.
Ling. 61° E.

Wednesday 11th
Frequent showers of fine rain.
had a fresh breeze in the fore
part of the day & sight the latter
part course E. S. E. yards square,
broke out water &c. shortened sail
at night. saw one sail

Thursday 12th
Weather fine moderate breeze from S.W.
course N.E. S. N. S. S. W. broke out a
pipe of bread & repaired the
mizzen top-mast-stay-sail. scraped &
brushed the masts &c. saw 2 sail one
a whaler or supposed to be the Capt.
is now at work making a platform for
a stone digger. luffed up & hauled
aback at 11. A.M.

Friday 13th
A clear pleasant day. course S. S. E.
southerly winds. done several little
jobs. made the isle of Rodriguez at
11 past 1. A.M. bearing N. N. W. saw a
merchant sail took in sail at
night & hauled aback. Land bearing
S. S. W. 30 miles distant.
Very pleasant moon-light night

Off Rodrigue Saturday June 14th 1862.

A very pleasant day with light winds, I kept off all day-light for the harbor of Rodrigue arrived off abreast of the harbor at past 1 P.M. The pilot came off at 3 & informed the Capt. of the rules & regulations of the port & he very soon made up his mind not to go in, brace'd forward & stood out to the westward of the island, shortened sail, with the land bearing E. S. E. 15 miles at sunset.

Sunday 15th

Weather fine had a general jam with the lava. Young Phoenix & Thomas Pope. the Phoenix has taken 400 lbs of 33' of whale since we last saw her in Mauritius. The lava 140 tons Pope 120.

Monday 16th

Pleasant, started a pipe of water from between deck & sail 3 sail, also some pimper or grampus they caused quite an excitement as they made considerable white-water.

Tuesday 17th

Clear pleasant day, light winds, cruised on different stacks, saw 3 sail, started water from lower hold forward land bearing E. N. E. at night 25 miles.

Wednesday 18th

Light winds & pleasant weather, saw 2 sail, gained the Phoenix after 2 P.M. Capt. & Mrs. Gifford were on board of her. Land bore E. N. E. at dusk 30 miles off.

Thursday 19th

Fore & middle part of the day some squalls, latter part pleasant, saw 3 sail & land.

Off Rodriguez Cruising for the sperm.

Friday June 20, 1862.

Weather fine saw party of finbacks.
Land in sight in the morning.

Saturday 21st

Fine weather with a good breeze
run off most of the day toward the
land, it bore about NNE in the
morning & ENE at night 20 miles
west Nhd. broke out apples. sugar.
coffee. meat. & a cheese.

Sunday 22nd

A strong breeze most of the day.
passed the lava at day-light. She was
boiling. saw the Phenix with her
main-sail furled, she passed us in
the evening passing. every ship is
& getting oil but the old Messenger.

Monday 23rd

Pleasant with a fresh breeze. rose
near Libt. boat falls, gained the lava in
the evening she took a ⁴⁰⁰ fath. Thursday
struck another & he took the line. The
Phenix picked him up next day.

Tuesday 24th

Fine with light winds saw 3 or 4 sail
one a top-sail schooner bound to Rodriguez
land bore SSW a dark & just in sight
from deck.

Wednesday 25th

Fore part of the day had fine weather
latter part equally with showers of fine
rain. Land bore E by N at dark 25 miles
steered ESE during the night. saw 3 sail
broke out flour to some Idunggee for
boat sails to the Libt. Mact & Bld boats.

Thursday 26

Generally saw 3 sail land bore SSW
in the morning & SSW at night Bld
making boat sails

Friday June 27th

A moderate gale AM. moderated some PM. at work on the boat-sails. saw 2 or 3 sail, ~~at~~ land bore NE.

Saturday 28th

A strong breeze & rugged. at 7 past 6 AM saw 2 breeches ahead ~~at~~ 4 or 5 miles off ~~at~~ & run into a shoal of sperm whales. drew boats & succeeded in capturing 4. 1st boat. J. W.B. 1 G.B. 18.th B.B. 1 & picked up another. got them along side & cut for one. watch set at 1/2 past 7. G.B. got stove then got foul line with one of the other boats & the whale took the line & put off to windward but the 4th mate lowered just in time to strike him. The Thomas Hope & Phenix came down from the windward but were to late.

Sunday 29th

Pleasant with a strong breeze all hands called at day-light finished cutting & started the works. saw the land in the morning, & 2 or 3 sail. watch set $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6.

Monday 30th

Some squally, cut up the heads. mended the old boat. set up craft & watch set at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6. saw 3 sail.

Tuesday July 1st 62

Pleasant with a fresh breeze. Prendering blubber finished the body & started ~~it~~ on the head. broke out shooks &c. watch set at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6.

Wednesday 2nd

Weather fine. moderate breeze. made some sail in the morning & more in the evening finished rendering at 12 M^o turned up 11 M^o. Label watch below J.W.

Off Rodriguez July 3rd 1862

Weather good
sighted the land 3rd M^o it bore N.E.
at dark. sent down the old mainsail &
mended it. I had rather have the twine
than the sail. done & sundry other jobs.
saw a sail.

Friday July 4th 1862

Pleasant with a fresh breeze. Sat 12 M^o.
let go anchor in Rodriguez, P.M. broke out
for stowing oil in after lower hold & the
sides. Capt. & Mrs Gifford went ashore. saw 3
sail out side. I am off duty with a sore
foot.

Saturday 5th

A strong breeze most of the day. stowed
down the oil 72 M^o. The Tom Wolfe
& the Robert Morrison came in to day.
the latter 13 months out 180 spm. & have
not seen a spn whale for the 10 months.
a boat from the Phoenix came in.

Sunday 6th

Weather fine. 10d. watch ashore. Mrs Gifford
came off & went ashore again had some
fresh beef sent off &c.

Monday 7th

Cloudy but pleasant. 10d ashore. 10d
watch started water. pocketed some
cask & brought off some potatoes &c.

Tuesday 8th

Pleasant all hands to day. got a raft
of water & stowed it down stowed
down some oil cask in fore hold &c &c.
I got an deck washed out the old
boat. painted her inside below the rising
& nailed down the ceiling. a pretty big
days work for me. had one man to help
me at that.

Rodrigue July 9th - 1862.
At 11th Pleasant Gold watch
ashore. Gold watch stowed below on what
cask, etc &c that there was on deck &
washed the ship aft inside got part of
a boat load of gams from the shore &c.
The hermaphrodite that lay here left for
Mauritius.

Thursday 10th

Weather fine Gold watch ashore. Gold
watch finished washing ship inside & wash
-ed the Gold side outside & painted the
Gold boat &c.

Friday 11th

Fine weather. Gold watch ashore, Gold watch
set up the back-stays to the fore & main
got a few bunches of bananas from the shore
&c. Capt & Mrs Gifford were off today.

Saturday 12th

Rained sparsely. wet hold in the morning
after breakfast a boat went in shore
brought off a barrel of oil that was taken
ashore to sell & a bag of rice. about 12 M^o
the Capt came off with the pilot we then
got under weigh & went to sea leaving
Mrs. Gifford & Catz on shore gained the
lava after 3 P.M. isle bore S. by E. 15 miles
at night.

Sunday 13th

A fresh breeze & rugged. saw 2 sail
land bore S. S. E. at dusk from 12 to 15 miles.

Monday 14th

Rainy, with a strong breeze rippet up an
old top sail. gained the Phoenix in the
evening land bore S. S. E. at night 20 miles.

Tuesday 15th

Weather good. got some bread from the
Phoenix P.M. took in & repaired the cutting
stage 3 P.M. saw 2 sail land bore S. S. E.

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Wednesday July 16th = 1862.

Came squally with a light breeze, cruised on different tacks. saw 2 merchant & 2 whale ships. The Henry went in to port, done supply jobs. Land 9th E. at night 23 m.

Thursday 17th

Equally with a fresh breeze. rigged a preventer boat. at 4 P.M. Capt. lowered his boat & went ashore at Port Clarence. did not return at dark & we stood off from the land. It bore S. by E.

Friday, 18th

Pleasant. stood off & on the Harbor H.A. Capt. returned at 1 o'clock P.M. brought of his wife & boy, & half of a small pollack & sundry other small articles. we then ran off to the leeward of the isle. The third mate is off duty with a sore in his mouth & there is a man forward (a New Zealand native) been sick ever since we left Pape.

Saturday 19th

A very pleasant day, middle part nearly calm. The fore & mth latter part moderate breeze, wet hold & broke out water & some other small jobs gave one sail, land bore S. W. E. at night.

Sunday 20th

Pleasant with a fresh breeze. run before the wind most of the day, saw one sail & 2 fin backs. Land bore S. in the morning & E. at night 23 miles.

Monday 21th

Weather fine cruised on the wind. unbent the jib & main-sail sent out another jib, & commenced repairs on the old main-sail, nothing in sight. The third mate is on duty again.

Tuesday 22th

Pleasant, light winds, saw 2 seal & land, mending sail.

Off Rodriguez, July 23rd 1862
A pleasant day after a shower, night
finished mending the old mien-sail &
sent it. Sprake the Robert Morrison
& gava & gained the Haven from 10 AM.
to 8 PM. Land bore about E by S. 30 miles

Thursday 24th

Fine pleasant weather. I repaired the old
jib that was sent in the other day.
gained the gava after 2 PM. Land bore
E by S. at night 25 miles. saw 3 said

Friday 25th

Weather fine. moderate breeze. made some
new rope for boat sail & got sun-sail,
land bore E by S. at dusk 12 miles.

Saturday 26th

A strong breeze & some squalls, wet hold.
broke out flour &c &c. I had off day on deck
saving basket slab, saw the gava, land
bore E by S. at night, 15 miles.

Sunday 27th

A strong breeze & rough. Sat. 9 AM raised a
shoal of whales going to leeward. lowered &
struck 3. 30 AM whales. Mr Hatch with the
assistance of the 4th mate got his along side
at 4 PM. The 3rd mate's whale run him
nearly out of sight of the ship to windward
in short time & he got storse by a sea & had
to cut, went on board of the gava but in
the afternoon made out to get on board.
The 3rd mate's whale run to leeward & by 3 PM
were out of sight of the ship. cut off & pulled
to windward but could see nothing of the
ship at dark. we then threw the line over
board & kept on to windward raised the ship's
light at 7 past 1 or there abouts & got aboard at 7
after a hard pull. the gava was in sight when we
lowered. she run down & hoisted colors for mate's
the Capt Gifford hoisted his although he had 3 boats
past. & we got one or 2 whales. land bearing 8 miles.

W.H. 23 AM



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Off Rodrigue. Monday Aug 28th
Pleasant with a strong breeze &
rugged. all hands called at day light.
out in the whale by 10 A.M. they
got breakfast cleared away the small
I started the works under the cutting
gear &c. watch set at
saw & sail. 4 whalers saw the gava
to windward cutting all day, no land.

Tuesday 29th

Some squall. co. employed in rendering
blubber, setting up craft, repairing lines
& repairing boat &c, saw one sail.

Wednesday 30th

Pleasant strong breeze, finished boiling
at day light turned up 33 lbs, all hands
on deck started water, repaired boat
set up craft &c. saw the gava.

Thursday 31st

Strong breeze, broke out after hotel
& stowed down the oil, closed off after
& main hold with empty cask &c & washed
off decks, Capt went on board of the
gava a short time A.M. she had done
boiling, she killed 2 whales the other day
they got one to the ship that night
that made 45 lbs, & in tosing the other
swamped a boat & lost her together
with some gear, the boy lost
the whale all night & in the morning let the
ship Sarah have him to boil at the hotel, named the
Henry in the evening saw 3 or 4 sail &
land. the Es. Morrison has picked up the
gava's boat gear &c,

Friday Aug 1st 1862

A strong breeze & rugged. no land
in sight, saw 1 or 2 sail, done steady
job. washed clothes &c

Off Rodriguez Aug. 2nd 1862
Strong breeze & some squalls. cruised
on different tacks. saw several large breeches
& 3 sail one a merchantman. started
meat & washed clothes.

Tuesday 3rd

It strong breeze & rugged. saw 2 sail & land
bearing about E. S. E. 180 miles.

Wednesday 4th

High winds & rugged. put out a new iron
hoop stay that runs from the martingale to
the end of the fly-jig boom, at 12 fath. 1. PM
saw a ship go leeward maneuvering as if
she were whaling. kept off for her to make
sail. & at 1^h past 3 raised the whale. bosun
to windward. They were to the windward
of the ship we saw in the first place &
were breeching blowing to port & lowered
the 8th. waist & boat boats. The 8th boat
did not lower as the mate has a bilge on
his foot. 8th boat succeeded in getting on
to no one but ~~and~~ missed him. & there was
one come up under the head of the waist
boat but showed no sight to strike him
anywhere but in the head. darted but did
not fasten. boats returned at sunset.

George the boatstorer of the 8th boat was
broke ~~and~~ ~~and~~ & sent forward &
Henry is to take his place; land just in
sight bearing, S. E., 3, sail.

Wednesday 5th

Half a gale of wind & more to. &
there is a pretty heavy sea going. saw
2 sail & land. split the old spanker
sent it down & hoisted it up. sent down
the main spanner & bent up for a spanker.

Wednesday 6th

It strong breeze & heavy sea cruised on
different tacks. saw 2 sail. sent down the
cutting blocks & some other small jobs. the 4th
mate finished ~~the~~ sewing over the hose.

8th Messenger Cruising off Rodriguez Aug. 1st 1862.

Fresh gales & squalls weather. saw one sail. broke but water & coffee. Bancroft made a new fuse to wet hold. Cony (the New Holland Native) died this evening. he had been ^{sick} ever since we left Madeira. the mate is off duty with a sore foot.

Friday 8th

Pleasant with a strong breeze. shook a reef out of the fore top sail (which was close reefed) & set the jib & mizzen star sail. split the old spancer all into strips. that we had bent for a spanker. saw 2 sail. Buried Cony this morning between the hours of 7 & 8. A burial at sea is the most solemn scene that ever I witnessed.

Saturday 9th

A fine day with a moderate breeze. washed the ship inside. wet hold &c. saw 3 sail. one an english merchant ship.

Sunday 10th

Pleasant. moderate A.M. fresh breeze P.M. set & fixed & set up the martingale rigging. saw the sprout of a picket.

Monday 11th

Weather fine. cruised on different tacks. sighted the land at 11th dark bearing N.E. it bore N.E. by E at night saw 4 sail. one or two of them appeared to be whaling just night. broke out a cask of salts & bent a new spanker.

Tuesday 12

A fine day. light winds. done several small jobs in the rigging. I finished sawing basket slats for the present. came the North. West. & hauled astern for the Sarah. The mate came aboard. He said Butley was sick & could not game more likely he was drunk. land S. G.

Off Rodriguez Aug. 13th 1862.
It was a humpback whale.



B.C. 1st

A pleasant day at 12 past 9 AM raised a school of sperm whales on the weather beam. The Phenix was on our weather bow & went on the weather gr. there was a boat lowered from each ship & chased them until nearly sunset & succeeded in capturing 3 one of each ship, ours was a very small one, the others were 40 or 50 ft whales, every ship's boats were for themselves & whenever a whale came to the top of the water to spout there were from 4 to 6 boats pointed for him, it made no difference whether they were at one side or another it was rush out towards him & the one that could get nearest was the best fellow, we hoisted ours in whole striped the blubber off of him & threw the carcass overboard, lashed

Thursday 14th ESE 25 miles

A strong breeze & rough sea. hoisted the blubber that we took yesterday turned up of all a big whale that saw one ship hoisting.

Friday 15th

High winds & frequent squalls, done laundry jobs, saw 2 sail, one hoisting, no land in sight.

Saturday 16th

Pleasant with a fresh breeze wet, hoist &c, gamed the Robert Morrison & Java in the evening, saw one or 2 more sail.

Sunday 17th

Pleasant with a strong breeze this day chased whales from 11 AM to 2 past 3 PM without success. The Morrison raised them to leeward & they were coming to windward when we got sight of them, the Java struck one & hung to them until near sight when the iron drew. He sounded dearly should take 2 boat lines & part of the three & stopped down an hour & 10 minutes at a time the P.M. chased to but got nothing, gamed the Phenix & Java set our oil from the Java.

Remarks On Board Messenger Off Rodriguez

Aug 18th 1862

Equal days & ~~W~~ pleasant nights. took
out water & bread, saw 4 sail & land.

Tuesday 19th

A pleasant day with a fresh breeze.
saw 5 sail one a merchant sail, took
in the bow boat for repairs. took the
new one off of the house & put her
out on the cranes. Land bore E. & E.
at night just in sight.

Wednesday 20th

Clear with a double reefed breeze.
Capt & 3 or 4 ~~at~~ more at work repairing
bow boat, some little salvaging done.
I had all day on deck at work on the
boat. saw 4 sail & land.

Thursday 21st

Pleasant fresh breeze, finished bow
boat. all day on deck. At day, took
the old job which was split & sent
an other &c &c saw 3 sail & land E. & E.
gained the lava.

Friday 22nd

A strong breeze A.M. moderated some
P.M. saw 4 sail & land done, sundry
jobs to ~~do~~ numerous to mention.

Saturday 23rd

Pleasant light winds saw 4 sail & land
have worked up pretty hardy to it.
At wet hold, finished mending an
old job, put out the bow boat to
the place & took in the new one &c
gained the Phoenix in the evening

Sunday 24th

Shower A.M. pleasant P.M. saw 4 sail
& land bearing about, C. or E. by S. gained
the Phoenix P.M. heard of the arrival
of the Gamecia arrived the 4th of May
with 950 spn. 50 whale

Messenger of Rodriguez Aug. 25th
It thick shivery day. Wind
N.E. & light most of the day. 2^o sail

Tuesday 26th

A moderate day with a thick damp air.
saw one sail, broke out apples & coffee.
some Rock straps made &c.

Wednesday 27th

A fine day, all hands on deck to day
to blow down 14 lbs oil & start water
started a cask of flour & took on deck
a cask of molasses. Land bore E. S.E. at
night 25 mls. saw 4 sail

Thursday 28th

Pleasant with a fresh breeze. a little
of all sorts going on to day. saw 5 sail.
bearing of the land was N.E.

Friday 29th

Weather fine. cruised on different tacks
about 30 miles from land. all hands bus
& found nothing at that. some Sachemschaning
done & sail.

Saturday 30th

Very good weather. saw 4
sail. & land in sight about 25 miles to
the south & east. well hold cleaned out
the try pots &c. &c. the molasses is shared
out every saturday morning a quart a week
for each man.

Sunday 31st

Frequent showers of fine rain.
gained the N. West, after 4 P.M. land
shore E. by S. at night 15 miles.

Monday Sept. 1st 82

fine weather sent down & mended the
old main-sail again. it is now from 2 to
3 thicknesses & it gives a fellow a good
~~appetite~~ appetite to help him part with it
when it is wet. gained the Phoenix. let
her have 2 small pigs & 12 iron poles. I said
one merchantman.

Off Rodriguez Sept: 2nd 1862.

Pleasant. saw 6
sail. 4 whalers & 2 merchant barks. Land
bore E. S. E. at night 12 miles, at work
making new block straps penants &c.

Wednesday 3rd
Weather fine. saw 3 sail. old boat with
Capt. & boats crew went fishing under the lee
of the ~~reef~~ reef Pt, caught about 20
lost a large anchor & 10 or 12 fathoms line
land E by S. at dark 4 miles.

Thursday 4th

Pleasant It. Mr. gauge gradually of Mr. at 10 AM
raised a shoal of sperm whales the North
West being close by hoisted colors & mated.
then lowered 3 boats from each ship;
old boat soon struck one the crew
soon drew to the whales ~~the~~ pointed
themselves to windward & were soon out
of sight. gave up the chase & returned
to the ship at one PM. Passengers
luck again had a short jam with the
A. West just night. saw one more sail.
land bore E. N. E. 15 miles

Friday 5th

A strong breeze. repaired the ship
the which was scuttled from the lost
rope & clew, ring broke, broke out
spread &c. jamed the A. West in the
evening. saw one more whaler & 2 merchant-
men. land bore

Saturday 6th

Generally pleasant wet hold. broke out
fore shold between decks for block bore
spun yarn &c. done sundry jobs in & about
the rigging. land bore N. E. in the morning
& S. W. at night saw 2 sail.

Sunday 7th

Pleasant. saw 3 or 4 sail. land E. N. E.
jamed the gear in the evening.

Passenger Off Rodriguez Sept. 8th 1862.

Had a very pleasant day at day-light raised a shoal of whales close to the ship, lowered 3 boats. The boat soon struck & in about 2 hours turned him up with a hom lance. There was whales all around but the other boats could not strike, the whales then started to windward & were pursued by the 2nd, 3rd & 4th mates. set the colors at about 10.0 clock for the boats to return but only one of came. soon after sighted the other 2 having a whale. The 3d boat whale taken along side & cut in. we then made sail & beat up to the other one. got him along side at 1/2 P.M. watch set at 25 minutes past 10 boats were watches. saw & heard 2 of them whaling. Land ^{25 miles}

Tuesday 9th

Weather fine. all hands called at 5 AM got breakfast & commenced cutting finished at 11 PM. took his case in on deck. a heavy heave, watch set at 1/2 past 8. the watch on deck sailed the case.

Wednesday 10th

Pleasant, got the case overboard, started the works at day-light, cut up the small head, broke out water, cask, &c. &c. watch set at 1/2 past 8.

Thursday 11th

Had a fine day, rendering blubber setting up craft gauding lines &c.

Friday 12th

Same equally & rugged. Finished the body & commenced boiling the head but it had blasted & it stuck to the pot so that we could do nothing with it ^{but} to mine it & drain off the oil & boil that.

Saturday 13th of Sept. 1862.

Pleasant with a fresh breeze. finished boiling about 2.30 P.M. turned up 122 lbs. would have made 140 if we could have boiled at the head. cleaned out the tubs junc casks &c & stowed them below. covered & lashed up the oil washed off decks & bulk-heads &c got through at dark. sea matches again.

Sunday 14th

A strong breeze & rugged saw the land bearing S.E. started a cask of water.

Monday 15th

Greatly & rough. watch employed in keeping oil & getting ready to slow down saw the land ~~15~~ or 20 miles to windward.

Tuesday 16th

Weather fine. light breeze. Land bearing about as it did yesterday. all hands to day slowing down. run down nearly 100 lbs.

~~On the 16th~~ the Capt^o of the Pava & Phenix were on board a short time near the middle of the day. the Phenix in running across our stern came very near taking part of it with her.

Wednesday 17th

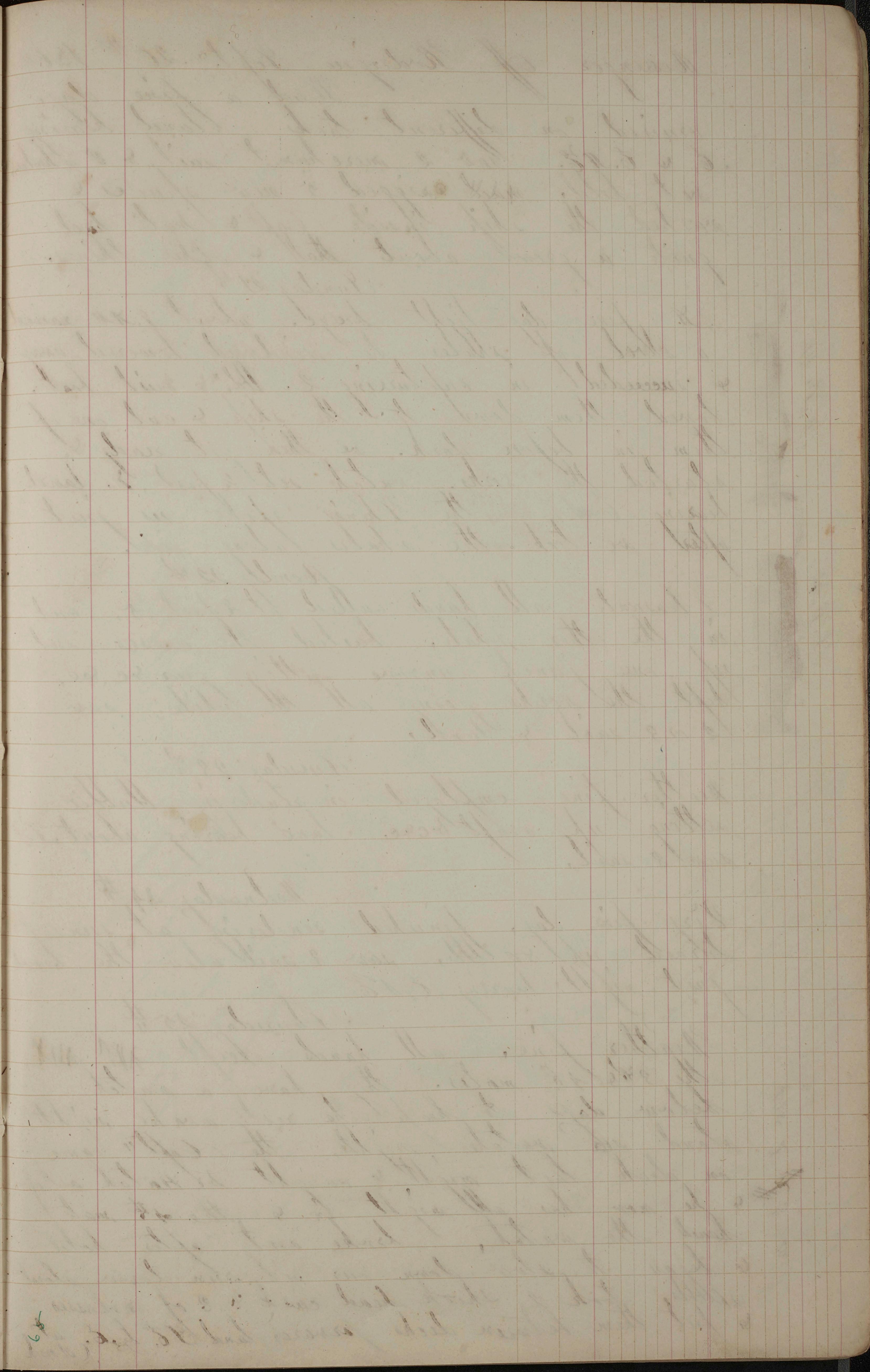
Pleasant. Land not in sight. saw one sail. finished slowing down (120 lbs.) & stowed off & gave the ship a temporary wash. washed some clothes just right.

Thursday 18th

A very fine day. broke out between decks between fore & main hold & scraped out the oil & gunk. we steerage chaps washed the steerage which was very oily & dirty. it had run in from the rubber room

Friday 19th

A thick smoky day with a strong breeze. finished scraping out between decks. the oil had run to each bulk head. forecastle & cabin, made the land just night bearing E.N.E. 15 miles.



Messenger off Rodriguez Sept. 20th 1862.
Had a fine day.
cruised on different tack land bearing
E. & E. N. E. saw 2 merchant sail & 3 whalers
set hold made rigged 3 new spades &
washed the ship inside Capt & mate had
quite a growl about that & other things.

Sunday 21st

A fine day light breeze. about 9 A.M. raised
a school of whales to windward lowered away
& succeeded in capturing 2. Md. & waist boat.
Rowed them down to the ship & cut one of
them in before dark. we then got ready &
started the works watch set 'n past 3. land
bearing E. N. E. ~~2 miles~~ the Phenix spoke us just
after we took the whales along side.

Monday 22nd

Pleasant. all hands called at 2 past 5, cut
in the other whale. bailed the casses cut
up one junc unrove cutting gear &c. &c.
kept the works going all the while. saw
2 or 3 sail & land.

Tuesday 23rd

Weather fine employed in rendering blubber
setting up craft &c. land bearing about S.E.
saw 3 sail.

Wednesday 24th

Very fine day. finished rendering at sunset
Turned up 80 lbs. saw 3 sail also the land
just right bearing E. N. E.

Thursday 25th

Weather fine. all hands except ~~2nd~~ mate,
the 3rd & 4th mates. they have a watch
below deck to keep the rest awake nights
stand sea watches, nights, the Capt" came
on deck last night & caught Mr Hatch asleep
& he now has all night in & the 4th mate
keeps the watch. broke out after hold
& began to slow down our oil run down about
20 lbs took 2 shot head cask & 3 of molasses
& put them between decks forward land E. N. E. at

W. W. M. 40

W. W. M. 41



Can 2 ~~set~~ 3 and

Friday. Sept: 26-1862.

It pleasant day. stored the remainder of our oil which made 794 lbs. stored off & gave the ship a since off. joined the Phoenix in the evening. saw 3 or 4 sail

Saturday 27th

Pleasant. all hands again to day washed the ship. All could not have a wash below 7 AM but could wash clothes if a likelihood. joined the Phoenix and here & at night 6 miles saw 4 sail.

Sunday 28th

Had a fine day. Land bore N.E. in the morning & S by E at night. saw 3 sail out side P & 2 in the harbor. passed a tiresome day.

Monday 29th

Weather fine. Lazing off & on at the Harbor of Rodriguez. Capt & boat crew where left the ship about 9 A.M. & returned at 4 PM with 324 lbs sweet potatoes one bag of citrons & 3 chickens. The N. West & Congress were in there. but they both sailed we came out in the latter & joined her in the evening. A great day with the shore folks as there was to be a wedding. There was a ship laden with lumber from the East Indies run into the harbor of Rodriguez last spring with 11 feet of water in her hold. The Capt of her went to Mauritius (where the ship was bound) chartered another ship & is now here with a crew of Malabars taking on board his lumber & by other work I guess he will not get away very soon. Land bore E. G. at dusk. 6 miles.

Tuesday 30th

Pleasant. had down the main-top-sail for repairs saw 4 whalers. Land bore N.W. by E at night. cooper at work on old cask.

2nd Messenger Cruising off S.W. Part of Rodriguez
Wednesday Octth 1st 1862

Cloudy but fine weather. unbent the
fore-sail & commenced repairs on it. a boat
from the fort came along side & brought
part of a keg of butter & a small piece of
fresh pork. Let her have a few potatoes & citrons.
gamed the Phenix after 3 P.M. had letters
for her, & sail. Land bore S.E. by S.

Thursday 2nd

Pleasant with moderate breezes. at work on
the fore-sail. have not scrubbed decks for
2 days a rare circumstance. saw 4 sail to leeward
land bore E. by S. a night. the old man is
making a schrimshorn as the Portuguese say &
the cooper is repairing old cask.

Friday 3rd

Weather fine. finished repairs on the fore-
sail & bent it & done several other small
jobs. 4 sail. Land bore E. by S.

Saturday 4th

Pleasant, light winds. Wet hold
repaired one of the cutting block-strap &c &c,
saw the North West Humbuging around
after black-fish, we thought she was
whaling & run off towards her. gamed
the P.R. Morrison in the evening. Mrs Gifford
went gaming. the Capt^{ts} of the Congress &
A.T. were on board of the Morrison. Land E. by S.

Sunday 5th

Had a very fine day. carried on
different tasks saw 5 sail & land.
gamed the Phenix & Congress in the
evening.

Monday 6th

Clear with a fresh breeze.
overhauled the cutting blocks & traps &c
done sundry jobs in the rigging. 4 sail
land bore E. at night. A singular
bill brought before the house by Lynch.

Tuesday, Oct. 7th 1862.
Pleasant with a strong breeze. beat
to windward through the day on short
tacks. bound in to Rodriguez. done but
little except work ship. land here. S. at
night. saw 4 sail.

Wednesday 8th

Weather fine. at 11 A.M. anchored in
Rodrigue. Mr. Burke out fore hold
took out some shovels out of the
fore peak. Then broke out the fresh
water on both sides. some of the cask
were full some 2 full & some had more at
all in them most of them were condemned
to knocked down. Capt & Mr Gifford went
ashore. the Fava Capt Finney lays at anchor
near us.

Thursday 9th

Burke out more shovels stored
off the fore peak & broke out the ground
tier cask on the old side. copper at
work setting up shovels & fixing cask for
water. had 8 men off to the
old wreck cutting wood. The Fava
Spanning came in. All have got no
potatoes yet.

Friday 10th

Fine weather. a trench part
of the ground tier cask in the fore hold
took out cask ashore & filled them with
water & rolled them to the beach
Mr Thomas with his gang off wooding
again. 2 bags of potatoes to day. The Fava
came in this morning.

Saturday 11th

Pleasant. got a raft of water & 2 boat
loads of wood. run down some of the
water & cut some more wood. took another
raft of cask ashore &c &c.

Port Marithon. Rodriguez. Oct^o 12th - 62

It fine day. I sthd watch
were allowed to go ashore. I went in
the coopers place. had a first rate time
(with the carpenter of the Phenix)
rambling over the mountains. got a few
bananas & made out a load with lemons.
one bag of potatoes from shore

Monday 13th

I leave. one gang of 6 or 8
men off wooding. The remainder sthd
down the water that was on deck took
a raft of 16 cask ashore. brought off
1/2 ton of potatoes & game & broke out
after hold for stowing oil. had a gr.
of beef sent off.

Tuesday 14th

Weather fine. taking oil on freight
from the Phenix took near 140 lbs
stowed part of it in after hold.
The wood gang were off as usual & 3 men
to fill water.

Wednesday 15th

This day I went in
co. with the Capt^o of the 4 whalers
& Mrs Gifford Mr Bonnell & the governor of
the Isle with 8 boats & boats crews around
the weather side of the Isle to see
the caverns. had a first rate time. started
at 2 A.M. & returned at 6 P.M. those on
board stowed off after & main hold with
the Phenix oil & had cask left. broke out
ground tier on sthd side & got one boat load
of wood etc.

Thursday 16th

stowed the remainder of the Phenix oil
forward & most of the ground tier cask
forward & brought off about $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt of potatoes & game.
& got a raft of water, had it to load whole
length of the reef. had one boats crew off wood

Rodrigue Oct 17th 1862

Weather good. Stowed down the raft of water & got another. cut some wood & boaled off some jams Capt" & Mrs Gifford were off to day.

Saturday 18th

Weather fine. We employed in stowing down water getting wood &c. &c. got the rest of the wood & boat loads. dressed a bullock & divided between the 4 ship Capt" Gifford & done some trading with the shore people. it one boat crew to wait on him.

Sunday 19th

Weather pleasant. We went ashore & I did nothing but jam. I went with the cooper of the Phenix after tamarines.

Monday 20th

A little squally with a strong breeze. wet hold. overhauled & sowed over between decks. filled a raft of water &c. Capt" Gifford & wife & Mr Fenn & his wife & Wing & Elkins were off P.M. & took supper. Capt" Gauding sailed to day. shipped one man & Lynch has trade & charged with a man on board of the Fava.

Tuesday

Weather fine. got a raft of water & stowed it down & got ready for sea. Wing & Fenn sailed to day.

Wednesday 22nd

Weather pleasant. Capt" & Mrs Gifford came off about 1 P.M. we then took our anchor & went to sea. jamed the R. Morrison just night saw one sail besides. land bore S.E. & G.C. at night.

Recruit

near 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton of pilates & 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons. pilates 2 cent jams 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per lb, one bullock. 280 lbs water & boat loads of wood &c. &c.

Off Rodriguez Thursday Oct. 23rd 1862.

A fine day. set up
stbd fore rigging, at one. F^W raised
whales! the Phenix being a little nearer
the whales than us. her boat got to them
first & struck one, the whales then started
off to windward, chased them until near
sunset without success. returned to the ship
& the Capt. mate & 2nd mate & boats crew went
on board of the Phenix & spent the evening
3 watches. land just in sight at night.

Friday 24th

Weather fine. working off toward Mauritius
slowly saw 2 merchant sail & the Phenix
rolling, at work setting up rigging.

Saturday 25th

Pleasant. on the wind most of
the day. gamed the Java Sailing; saw
the Phenix & one merchant sail. at work
on the rigging.

Sunday 26th

Fine weather. run off 3 days & left
two nights. gamed the Phenix & Java
Sailing, he was just finishing Sailing
a 150 M. fare. The Phenix whale made \$2.

Monday 27th

Pleasant. at work setting up rigging
etc. run off again in cos with Phenix

Tuesday 28th

A strong breeze & some squalls. at work
in the rigging. gamed the Congress saw the
Phenix.

Wednesday 29th

A fresh breeze. cruised
on the wind. saw the Congress & 2 merchant
sail, at work making new foot ropes
spun iron iron brog teeth &c. anything
to keep all hands busy.

Thursday 30th

Pleasant. run off most of the day. done
sundry jobs in & about the rigging.

Friday Oct 31st 1862.

Weather fine. ran again to day. started water from fore-hold painted old boat inside & out & done some surborizing. gamed the Congress in the evening.

Saturday Nov 1st 62

A thick smoke day. wet hold &c &c. BB washed ship & gave the deck an extra scrub as usual every saturday. we made the Isle of Mauritius about 9 AM.

Sunday 2nd

Pleasant AM. showers P.M. at 1 PM dropped anchor in Mauritius. the doctor has not yet made his appearance & we are not allowed to leave the ship until he comes on board. the *Thesis* Congress & Joe Maxwell anchored here to day.

Monday 3rd

Weather fine. same was hosing ship others breaking out water casks, sails &c. Tom with a gang at work put up a new jib stay. 2 or 3 men tarring down. the doctor came off about 8 AM Capt. Gifford then went on shore Mrs Gifford went in after dinner stopped on board the ship *Liberty* of N. York.

Tuesday 4th

Very pleasant, taring down painting spars, setting up heeling stays, un bent all the sails, un runn the running rigging &c &c one boat & crew waiting on the ~~Capt.~~ Capt. & ~~wife~~ wife. a large yankee ship came in to day.

Wednesday 5th

finished taring down, I painted some of the spars & commenced to paint outside one boat in shore waiting on the Capt. another went in with a raft of cish for water but could not get a chance to fill

Mauritius Aug 6th 1862.

Weather fine. got a raft of water & took it in before breakfast. 2 or 3 men working & painting side of the ship. some sailorizing done about the head rigging.

Friday 7th

some painting others getting off grub. 14 lbs flour & cut of sugar about. 13.00 lbs. bread & 13 lbs meat, & done sundry other small jobs.

Saturday 8th

Weather fine with the exception of a shower of rain. brought off the remainder of the meat & stowed most of it down washed the ship inside aft & done some painting &c.

Sunday 9th

Pleasant nothing done but gam, mate was ashore all day with a boat crew. Joseph Maxwell sailed.

Monday 10th

Pleasant. 1st watch on Liberty, 2nd watch were employed in painting ship, bending new sails & reaving new running rigging.

Tuesday 11th

had a strong sea breeze. 1st watch on Liberty, 2nd watch finished, bending sails & painting ship out side.

Wednesday 12th

All hands to day painting ship inside have nearly done, Congress sailed.

Thursday 13th

Fine weather, finished painting ship & done sundry other small jobs.

Friday 14th

A very hot day, got a small raft of water & rose some new running rigging &c getting ready for sea, Capt Gifford was off to day.

Mauritius Nov. 15th 1862

Weather fine, done but little mrs Gifford
came off to day & mrs Ross from the merchant
ship Liberty of New York. she went back
towards night & Capt Gifford came off.

Tuesday 16th

A very fine day all hands on ~~the~~ board
done nothing but foul the sails & finished
a letter &c

Monday 17th

Pleasant with a light
breeze from off the land. Capt & his wife
went shore in the morning returned about
1/2 past 3 P.M. we then weighed anchor & left
steering about SW. brought off in the boat
2 ^{ent} of potatoes 1 of onions 30 cabbages &c.

Have had cabbage once in the steerage
since we anchored that being all the fresh
we have had. do not think there will be any
danger of our having the scurvy after eating
so much fresh grub.

Tuesday 18th

Nearly calm. done sundry jobs in & about
the rigging. Mauritius bore S.E. N.E. at night.
saw. one or two sail. (merchants).

Wednesday 19th

Nearly calm N.M. a fresh breeze N.E.
Mauritius in sight most of the day. fixing
blocks & getting ready to set strudding sails

Thursday 20th

A strong breeze. some sailorizing done
named the Phair. T.M. sighted Bourbon
about 6 T.M. bearing S.W.

Friday 21st

High winds & rugged. tinker'd round & done
but little all hand busy at that. Bourbon
bore W.N.W. saw two sail.

Saturday 22nd

A strong breeze & some
squalls. wet hold washed & scrubbed the ship
about an hour & a half as usual after 4 P.M.
Bourbon in sight first night bearing N.N.E.
one sail in sight.

Off Bourbon Nov. 23rd 1862.
Pleasant gained the Phenix
after 3 P.M. Bourbon bore N.E. at night.
saw a sail.

Monday 24th

Light winds & a pleasant day: course
N.W. run through the day & night, saw
the Phenix & one merchant sail. done sundry
jobs in the rigging Bourbon bore E at night

Tuesday 25th

A very pleasant day. Had an all day
jam with the R. Morrison. course West.
Capt & Mrs. Wright were on board the
passenger. some little jobs done in the
rigging

Wednesday 26th

Weather fine, course West.
saw the Morrison & one merchant sail.
chased black fish about 3 hours. I.M.
done several little jobs about ship. luffed
too at 8 past 10, P.M.

Thursday 27th

Pleasant with light E winds course W.W.
W. by N. P.M. done & sundry little jobs here
& there about ship. saw one sail.

Friday 28th

Light winds & pleasant weather. course
W. S.W. shorten sail nights. but little
done.

Saturday 29th

Fine weather, wet hold
washed off the paint work & tinkered
around as usual. some Schrimscoring done
course W. S.W. Lat. 22.52 S. Long. 81.22 E.

Sunday 30th

Clear with light easterly winds.
course W. S.W. took in sail & luffed
to the wind at night.

Monday Dec. 1st 1862 Monday 31st

Weather little broke out water &
molasses from fore hold took nearly
all day course from W. S.W. luffed to
at night, caught 3 dolphin I caught 2.

Journal from Bourbon to the
Dempsey.

Messenger bear Fort Dauphin
Tuesday Dec 24

Tuesday Dec. 24-1862..

Wednesday Dec. 2nd - 1862.
Weather fine course W. N. E. light winds.
done sundry jobs to numerous & not
worth mentioning. Luffed to at night. Lat. 24.10.
Wednesday 3rd

Light winds. course West. wet hold. &c &c.

Thursday 1st " 1850

Plasant course W. & S.W. Took in sail
at night but did not suff to. made a
little spungarn &c Friday 5th
Plasant the fore

Wednesday
Please to the fore

part of the day later part some squally.
courses from west to SW saw one sail
done a little sea & a little there &c. Long 18.43.
Lat 16.8

Saturday 6th

Finally with a strong breeze wet hold &c.
have now started to go around the cape
the mate & 2nd mate lead the watches. course
S.W. by W. Lat 24.38.5. Long. 48.44.5.
Sunday 8th

Sunday 7th

Sunday
Cloudy with a fresh breeze. all sail set
course, S. W. n. W. wind a little abeam the bow
beam. Lat 23. 45^o S. Long. 47. 11. E.

Monday 8th

Pleasant. with a moderate breeze
course W. b. N. bent main royal
several other little jobs. some
ing ~~done~~ some excitement after
was caused by a couple of
whales. got the boat ready.

My
Name were

Received. Charled from
D. C. H. Dec. 3rd 1862

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Remarks On Board B.th Messenger In The ⁴ End
of the Mozambique Channel & homeward
bound.

Wednesday Dec 18th - 1862.

Pleasant light winds from
E. S. C. course. W. N. S. wet hold &c &c.

Thursday 19th

Clear & nearly calm I done several
small jobs in the rigging. Lat 28. 36. S.
Long 39. 51. E.

Friday 20th

Nearly calm until
just night when a light breeze
sprung up. from the E. course W. N. S.
Soprimectioning is the prevailing passion
with most of the ship's co. Lat 29. 01. S.
Long 39. 11. Had a present of a new cap
from Mrs. Gifford.

Saturday 21th

A pleasant day with
about as much breeze as we could carry all
sail to. 3 points free old tack. courses W. & W. N.
wet hold & broke out water. Lat 30. 21 Long 37.
22. E. saw a sail coming up astern of us
just night.

Sunday 22th

Had nearly all sort
of weather had a shower of rain from
3 to 5 AM Capt. came on deck & had
every thing taken in down to double-
reefed top-sails. head wind most of
the day. got all sail on her again
before the day was out except main road
& T. studding-sail. saw 2 sail, Lat. & Long
nearly 31. 16. 35. 15.

Monday 23th

A fair wind again & all sail
set saw one sail course W. N. S.
the whole watch at work planing the
qr. deck trying to make new decks out
of old ones. some of the fellows blistered
their knees & feet. It took fine care not
to blister mine no such thing as getting
any sleep in the steerage.

Messenger Homeward bound.

Dec 15th 1862.

Some squalls with a head wind
most of the day. close hauled on Wd tack
headed about N.E. W. course plaining the old deck.
we make & take in sail according to wind &
weather.

Wednesday 16th

Cloudy with light winds
could nearly head our course to day W. N. E.
we hold & beat a new fore top gallant
sail & set a few small pieces in the deck.
saw one sail. Lat. 32.2 N. Long. 31.18 E.

Thursday 17th

Had a moderate breeze A.M.
& a strong one P.M. course W. N. E. yards
square most of the day. towards night
it came on to rain. very fine rain. &
by 8 had reduced the sail down to
double reefed top sail & fore-sail. then
put the boats on the upper cranes &c.

Friday 18th

Pleasant. Had a fair wind until day-
light it then came around to the S.W.
& we had a strong breeze until just
night when it died away nearly calm
sailed on the wind Wd tack, saw 2 sail
Lat. 34^o Long. 27.48.

Saturday 19th

After a smart shower
had a pleasant day with light baffling winds
close-hauled most of the day course W. N. E.
saw 2 sail. wet hold &c. Long 26.07 E.

Sunday 20th

Pleasant with light baffling winds from
the S. & E. saw 3 sail. course W. N. E.
Lat 35.16 N. Long. 23.18 E.

Monday 21th

Pleasant with but little wind N.W.
had a nice breeze P.M. close hauled
could just about head our course W. N. E.
saw 2 sail. the one we saw yesterday

Remarks on board Messenger off the
Cape of Good Hope Tuesday 23rd 1862.

It fine day
with a good breeze course $W 30^{\circ} W$ & $W 30^{\circ} N$,
wind off, & all sail set that would draw
2 fore top-mast & 2 main to gallant studding
sails set, saw a point of land just to the
eastward of the cape, 2 sail, Long. 20. E.

Wednesday 24th

Sudden changes in the
weather, had a strong breeze $N N E$ moderate
down to nearly a calm $N W$, course $N N W$,
make & take in sail according to wind
& weather, the wind was from off the land
or until just right when it hauled
more to the N so we could not head
our course close hauled, Long 16.48. E.

Thursday 25th Christmas day.

Damp foggy weather with light head winds
until 17. N.E. when a breeze sprang up from
 $S W$ course N set main royal top-mast & top
& gallant star-sail, saw 2 & 2 sail
land bound E. Lat 33.52. broke out
water

Friday 26th

Weather fine with a nice
steady breeze from $S S W$ course N all
sail set that would pull any Lat 32.04.

Saturday 27th

Pleasant with
a fine breeze square yards main top gallant
star-sails both sides & one fore top-mast
" " " course N making a $N D E$ course
well hold &c, Lat. 28.54. S Long 13.23. E.

Sunday 28th

It strong breeze, the light sails pulled
most of the day course $N E$ yards square,
Lat. 27.21. S Long 11.13. E

Monday 29th

Foggy damp weather & a moderate
breeze, course $N E$, broke out ~~sea~~ meat,
Lat. 25.17.

Off Warwick Bay,
Tuesday Dec. 30th 1862.

A fine day took in
the studding sail after dinner & at night
took in sail & luffed to the wind. 13
watches.

Wednesday 31st

Fine heat cool at the
mast head, steered N. N. W. part of the
day under short sail on the wind at night.
I done a little of a most every thing & it
amounted to nothing after all.

January 1st 1863.

Weather fine.

steered E. N. E. & N. N. W. & luffed to the
wind at night. $\frac{2}{3}$ of the ship's co. on deck
day & $\frac{1}{3}$ below night, employed in scraping
the boat's craft & varnishing it. cooper sat
work patching the decks

Friday 2nd

Light winds & pleasant weather, at work
at a little of almost every thing mostly
on the boat's gear craft &c. Capt. blacksmith
in course N. N. W. run through the day &
night.

Saturday 3rd

Pleasant light

wind course N. N. W. under easy sail. wet
hold. &c. &c. some carpentering some blacksmith-
ing others pecking iron & scraping a spar
pecking oakum mending top-mast tides sail
& other little things to numerous to
mention. Sat 25, 31, 41.

Sunday 4th

A fine day. course N. N. W. square yards.

Monday 5th

Weather fine. co. at work planing &
patching the decks. pecking the chains
& painting them sailorizing & the Capt.
is blacksmithing & he has to have 3 or 4 to
help him. Living 2.40 £.

Remarks on board Messenger Jan. 6th 1863
Clouds with light winds course N.W.
some pecking & fairline chains & others at
work in the rigging straightening up & putting
on new gr. seizures caps &c. closer at work on
the decks Capt. & his gang at the forge.
Long. 44° E. shortened sail at night.

Wednesday 7th

Weather fine course N. light
winds. under easy sail. at work on the rigging
chains & iron work about ship. broke out of
water & bread. At 6. Long. 30. W.

Thursday 8th

Pleasant. ^{some} at work in the rigging other
scrapping & painting iron work &c. course N.W.

Friday 9th

ditto " " " ditto " " " ditto
luffed too at night & shortened sail.

Lat. 16-14. S

Saturday 9th

Pleasant with
light winds. course N.W. at past 11 A.M.
made the Isle of St. Helena bearing N.W.
luffed too at night & shortened sail. Isle
bearing S.W. 15 miles. wet & cold & worked
on the rigging.

Sunday 10th

Fine weather. kept off
at 3. A.M. & at past 9 a.m. anchored off
town St. Helena. Capt. wife & boy went on
shore & stayed the day. laying in the
harbor were 2 Eng" man of war, 2 Eng"
merchant men 1 Sag Harbor whaler & 6 slave
vessels that had been taken by the Engls.

Monday 11th

Frequent showers of fine rain washed
the ship inside & out. At no. nothing done. The
Capt. & Mrs. Gifford ashore again to day. our car-
penter that we shipped in Providence also went ashore
to the hospital having been sick with the dys-
entery since leaving Mauritius. There was a man
fell overboard from an Engn. B.th & before assistance could
reach him he was drowned. colors were set at half mast
one ship came in to day a Yankee merchantman

Tuesday Jan 12 - 1863.

Weather fine. nothing
done. brought from the farm 75 or 100
cabbage & 25 or 30 pumpkins. Capt. T. ashore
all day. Mrs. Gifford 2 days.

Wednesday 13th

Pleasant nearly calm AM. light breeze
P.M. got under weigh early this morning
but made but little headway until
past 11 when we got a good breeze & stood
out to the westward of the Isle. lowered
3 boats & towed a little while before we got
the breeze. saw 2 or 3 sail. shortened sail
at night. land bearing E. by N. 6 miles.

Thursday 14th

Cruising off W. by N. part of St. Helena.
light winds & frequent showers
of fine rain. worked on the rigging & painted
over some of the iron work.

Friday 15th

Pleasant. light winds. close hauled. different
tacks. saw killers. at work in & about the
lower rigging.

Saturday 16th

Very light winds & fre-
quent showers. wet hold broke out a cask
of water & salverted it some. saw the land.

Sunday 17th

Clear & nearly calm. land bore
& E. by S. 4 miles.

Monday 18th

Showers. nearly calm AM.
light breeze. P.M. broke out water & bread.
worked on the rigging the rest of the time
saw one sail.

Tuesday 19th

Pleasant with a light breeze
worked on the rigging. saw 4 or 5 sail. land
bore E. by N. 20 miles at night.

Wednesday 20th

Pleasant. named the American man-of-war
End through the day. she carries 9 guns has
130 men & is cruising around here to protect
American shipping.

Messenger Cruising off I. Helena Jan. 21st 63
Weather fine, good breeze.

* worked on the rigging. The some of the crew scraping old buckets, spruce poles &c &c
anything to keep them busy. Gained the man of war & whaling bark Union after 7 P.M.
land bore E. N.E. at night saw 3 or 4 sail.

Fri. Jan 22nd

Spover & I. N. Pleasant P.M. worked in the rigging some &c. gained the U. S. Ship of war P.M. Mrs Giff went on board. saw 2 or 3 sail. land close to at night whole watch again.

Saturday 23rd

Pleasant wet hold &c saw 2 sail. land N.E. of us. we carry sail over night & day working it windward.

Sunday 24th

Cloudy with a fresh breeze cruised on different tacks land bore N.N.E. at dark 20 miles saw 2 sail.

Monday 25th

Fine weather cruised on different tacks land just in sight from deck bearing N.W. saw 2 whalers & several merchantmen. some sailoring done &c &c.

Tuesday 26th

Pleasant with a fine breeze. saw 2 or 3 sail & the land. hulked around as usual done a little in the rigging &c &c.

Wednesday 27th

Weather fine light breeze run off toward the land some gained the Union saw the Inv. & 3 finbacks. wet hold made some spinnakers.

Thursday 28th

Cloudy but fine weather. cruised on the wind. done some small jobs in & about the rigging saw the Inv. land bore N.W. at night 25 miles.

Friday Jan 30th = 1863.

Frequent showers still.

Pleasant. P.M. but little done. janned the U.S. Sloop of war Amo 3 M. I land S.W. the Amo shot each of her guns at large. very light winds.

Saturday 31st

Light winds & pleasant weather. wet hold & started a cask of water that was in the upper-roun. saw grampus & 2 sail. gave the ship her regular Saturday night scrub. Land 25 miles W.S.W.

Sunday Feb. 1 = 63

A pleasant day with but very little wind. cruised on different tracks. saw one sail. Land bore W. at night 15 miles.

Monday 2nd

Cloudy with a light breeze. broke out water & flour. saw 3 or 4 sail. janned the Union a short time past night she had been laying off on 2 or 3rd day at St Helena. Land bore W. by S.

Tuesday 3rd

Light winds & pleasant weather. done several little jobs. saw 2 whalers & several merchantman land bore W.S.W. carry all sail night & day & still fail to beared saw the shipping in the Harbor.

Wednesday 4th

Clear & pleasant. very light winds. wet hold, &c. &c. janned the Union mrs Gifford went janning. Land bore West N. E. at dark.

Thursday 5th

Weather fine. done sundry jobs here & there. the Craft is making canes & it always takes 3 or 4 th to help him when he is doing anything. saw 3 sail 2 merchant ships & one whaler. Land bore N.N.W. at night 25 miles.

Friday 6th

Pleasant, with a good breeze. all the watch busy & done nothing worth mentioning. 2 sail janned the Union. Land N.E. 25 miles.

Messenger Cruising off St. Helena.

Saturday Feb 7th 1863.

Weather fine, wet hold &c. &c. saw 2 sail.

Sunday 8th

A pleasant day. St. Helena to leeward about 25 or 25 miles. saw several merchant ship land N.W.E.

Monday 9th

Pleasant. Done several small jobs in the rigging. saw 3 or 4 sail gained the Union in the evening land N.W.E.

Tuesday 10th

Pleasant with a fresh breeze run off some toward the land. nothing done & all the watch busy till gained the Union in the evening.

Wednesday 11th

Clear pleasant weather done but little Schrimshoring is the principle business now a days. saw land & several sail.

Thursday 12th

Fine weather. Drifted on different tack. saw 8 or 9 sail boarded an English Bk (Nov) 61 days from Bombay bound to Liverpool laden with cotton.

Friday 13th

Pleasant. gained the gte after & T.M. saw land & one or 2 sail.

Saturday 14th

A fresh breeze. wet hold. broke out meat. &c. &c. gained the Union. saw the gto. land 25 for 30 miles to leeward.

Sunday 15th

Weather fine. saw the Union & the whaling Bk Sea Breeze. land bore N.W. by N. night. Sperm Whales are scarce & hard to be found on St. Helena ground.

Monday 16th

Some squalls. broke out water. gained the Sea Breeze & Union. T.M. Sea Breeze. Capt. Weeks. 16 months out for my 30 whale. one of our bratateers has got his discharge & gone on board of the Union to steer a boat. saw 5 or 6 sail.

February 17th A.D. 1863.

frequent squalls. saw the Sea-Breeze. man of war & one or two merchant ships broke out bread & coffee. land 20 miles to leeward.

Wednesday 18th

Pleasant with light winds stood out on wet hold &c. saw 2 or 3 sail.

Thursday 19th

Weather fine stood out on the western tack all day land just in sight at night saw 2 sail.

Friday 20th

Splendid weather, on the eastern tack nothing but land in sight. dull times. nothing going on but schrimshoring.

Saturday 21st

Light winds & pleasant weather, wet hold. gave the decks a double extra scrub at night ~~in~~ owing to their not getting along to catch water when they were left. named the Congress & Sea Breeze they were " " the crew.

Sunday 22nd

Pleasant with light winds. At 1st past 3 PM anchored in St. Helena Capt^o went on shore. The Union & Louisiana were here. The Rear Admiral & Henry had a bit of a muss this morning. Henry came to blows but not much ~~the~~ blood spilt. Capt^o was called to settle difficulties. put Henry in irons & gave the Admiral a talking to & orders not to talk any more ~~to~~ to George in his hearing during the rest of the voyage.

Monday 23rd

washed ship outside & commenced to paint her. broke out fore hold & stowed cask for water & the usual amount of gaming done. Capt^o & lady ashore, came off at night. Henry was let out of irons. Garrett came in & anchored. Janus laying off & on.

St. Helena Tuesday Feb. 24th 1863,
or employed in painting ship outside.
after breakfast a boat has to go to the
pier with the Capt. Then return & by that
time Mrs Gifford & boy is ready to go, & just
right go in & bring them off, the mate &
this boat crew went out to the ^{James} ^{James}
saw Russell one of my shipmates in the
Pamela.

Wednesday 25th

Frequent showers, got 107 lbs
of water from the shore & stowed it down.
Stowed it off in a Dutch lighter 50 lbs
at a time, boat in to the pier the usual
number of times. Congress came in to day &
one English ship.

Thursday 26th

Showers most of the day, bad weather
for painting done but still at it,
commenced to scrape the wheel. have to
look all through between decks every day
to see what is there, broke out two line
& molasses & took some of it ashore etc,

Friday 27th

Showers AM pleasant PM, painted some
in the afternoon finished scraping the wheel
&c &c, English ships arriving & departing
nearly every day others come along & are signal-
ized & pass on without making any stop.

Saturday 28th

Starboard watch ashore on
liberty. Ld. watch finished painting outside &
commenced to paint inside it takes one boat
crew nearly all the time to go from the
ship to the shore & back. The Joseph Maxwell
came in to day.

Sunday March 1st 63.

Port watch on liberty
nothing done on board, I went to see
Bonaparts room & place of residence.

James came in to day going to ship
her Soil home (530 lbs)

St. Helena. March 2nd 1863
2 Gld. watch on libert Gld watch employed in
painting &c.

Tuesday 3rd

Gld. watch on
Liberty Gld. watch stowed off between decks
& nearly finished painting &c.

Wednesday 4th

Liberty is up.

painted the house underneath. bent new
main royal. sent up main to gallant
stern sail bows &c. &c. getting ready to sail.
The cooper went ashore with a piece of
cloth in order to sell it & get some tobacco
but has not yet returned. Captain & Mrs. Gif-
ford goes ashore every day & off at night.

Thursday 5th

Pleasant. Took our anchor in
the forenoon & at one PM made all sail &
headed the old messenger for A. Bedford. A.M.
Recruits in St. Helena
A few cabbage pears peaches &c.

Friday 6th

Pleasant light winds. ~~but~~ set lower
stunsails we may have 6 sets. topmast &
lower stunsails forward on both sides &
two to gallant at the main course N.W.
Lat 15.04.18. Long. 1.18. W. 2 sail in sight.

Saturday 7th

Light winds & pleasant weather. yards square
course N.W. well hold broke out water &c &c
saw one sail.

Sunday 8th

A dead calm or nearly
so. course N.W. N.W. rather a dull day
saw one sail & a steamer.

Monday 9th

Light baffling winds make but very little
head way. &c. employed in scraping off & all
the pieces of iron that can be found about
ship & blocking them with coal tar. all the
paint work has to be wet twice a day & wiped
off with a rag.

Messenger Homeward Bound March 10th - 63.
A very light breeze N.W. breezed
up some N.W. employed in pecking old
iron & slackening it. cleared out & whitewashed
& staved over the roun. Lat. 12.37.15. S. N.W. course

Wednesday 11th

Pleasant weather light
breeze stern-sails set a low & a loft both
sides. staved in the roun. the crust & old
iron that we have been at pecking & slackening
for the last 2 days scraped some old plane
stocks, &c. &c. Lat. 11.40.15. N.W. course

Thursday 12th

A nice breeze. course the same as yesterday.
gards square everything pyll but jib & spanker
painted the boats & painted up the cracks &
nail holes in the house. had a shower or
two in the evening. Lat. 10.43.

Friday 13th

Frequent showers. as a strong
breeze N.W. died away some S.W. course S.W.
by N.W. until sunset then N.W.
Painted a little of the gr. & stern-sails
in most of the day. cleared off the top
of the house & took in the cutting stag
&c. &c. just night sighted Ascension bearing
S. of S. E.

Saturday 14th

One or two showers N.W.
pleasant N.W. with a nice breeze off our
star. gr. & from that to the beam. course
N.W. W.W. done but little except the reg-
ular routine of ships duty. such as bracing
the gards taking in the stern-sails was like
decks wiping off the paint work with rag
&c. Lat. 8.18. S. Long. 15. E. Sunday 15th

A very pleasant day, a fresh
breeze off N.W. beam lower & forecast stern-sail
hauled in. course the same as yesterday. wet
& wiped the paint. 3 merchant sail came up
& passed by to leeward. Lat 7.08. S.

True course.

Homeward Bound March 16th - 1863

breeze square yards A fine day light
breeze square yards all sail out that would
draw. course N.W. by S^o E. painted the forward
house underneath & on top. after one on top
& painted the jib-booms & end of fore-sprit
saw 3 sail same ones we saw yesterday.

Tuesday 17th

Pleasant. course the same. broke out water
& painted the main & mizzen mast saw 2 of
the same sail we saw yesterday & one new
one Lat 5. 30. S. had a shower in the evening.

Wednesday 18th

Pleasant by day but showery by night
the rear admiral got scared & took in all the
stun sails & furled the main royal. The Gld.
main-to-gallant stun sail had not been started
before since we left Port. painted the spars.
Lat. 4. 44. S.

Wednesday 19th

Had one or two showers
& light lapping winds. course N.W. by S^o E.
dove suddenly little jib saw 2 or 3 sail.
Lat. 3. 08. S. one ship came ~~Friday~~ along &
spoke us.

Friday 20

Pleasant with a steady
breeze after us course N. S. W. dove a little
sailorizing &c saw 3 sail. 2 of them were
yesterday sail. Lat 2. 16. S.

Saturday 21st

Showers with but little wind. At 9 A.M.
raised a school of spm. whales. lowered the Gld.
Waist & Bow boat. & succeeded in capturing 2. waist
boat got badly stoven. Gld. boat picked up
the crew oars boat & their whale which

B. B. 15. M.

was dead, got the 2 whales & stoven boat
to the ship. whales fluked & boats hoisted
up & supper down by 1st past 8 P.M. had them

to tow a good long way. it was a long time before
we got fast after we lowered. whales Mr. Bancroft started
the waist boat, & watches got every thing ready for
cutting.

The whales are light & gentle

L.B. 10. M. Ship. 12. M.

Messenger Homeward Bound but have made a
short stop in on account of whales.

March 22nd 1803.

weather fine. all hands called at day light
& had just got hooked down to one whale when
we sighted a shoal close to the leeward.
lowered the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd boat & proceeded
in getting 2. got them along side & all put in
& works started before sun set. 2nd boat whale
turned up close to the ship took him
along & side & hoisted up our boat. The whale
& other 2 boats having gone off to windward.
waist boat struck 2 at once. (by mistake)
the first iron drew & the short warp parted
& they both went off, bow boat whale run them
them near out sight of the ship & stove
one gunwale all in & he cut & came aboard
together with the waist boat arrived at 2 P.M.
Mr Thomas had lanced a loose one when he
first struck & he turned up so
near the ship that we struck him from
the bow. Lat 1.30. S. Long 24.30. W. Monday 23rd

Pleasant. finished boating
at 2. P.M. washed the ship, lowered away
cutting gear &c. &c. got the sun-sails & ~~one~~
royal on her again to day. wind very light
course S.E.W. saw one sail & black fish.
Lat 38 S

Monday 23rd

Pleasant. course N.E. light
winds. employed in rendering blubber cleared
away the ~~old~~ heads &c. saw 2 or 3 sail

Tuesday 24th

finished boating at 2 P.M. lowered away
the cutting gear &c. &c. but all sail on her again
course N.E.W. wind light. Lat. 38 miles S.

Wednesday 25th

Generally pleasant. took in the
bow boat & commenced repairs on her Captⁿ
superintends the job. 3 sail. course N.E.W.
Lat 38^{1/2} S

Homeward Bound March 26th 63.

Pleasant & very light breeze N.E. W. the course S.E. wind at work in bow boat. boatsteers setting up craft &c saw 4 outward bound sail. Lat 1.00. S. have at last crossed the line just 3 weeks from St Helena Lat. 08^{miles} N.

Friday 27th

Light Baffling winds.

dead calms & frequent squalls of wind & rain. finished bow boat & put her out on the cranes, saw from 6 to 8 sail most of them bound south. Lat. 00.51. N. make but little headway.

Saturday 28th

Calm most of the day, whenever there was any wind it was a-bag, frequent showers, covered the oil. saw 3 sail. Lat 1.01. N.

Sunday 29th

Weather all sorts of weather. calms head winds & frequent showers. done nothing but clear down & clear up. sheet home & hight up, saw 6 sail all bound south. Lat 1.07. N. Long 27-13. W.

Monday 30th

Calm with frequent showers until 9 A.M. remained pleasant with a moderate breeze, close hauled S.E. tack headed N. & N.E. stored down our last fare of oil between decks & broke out water. Lat 1.10. N.

Tuesday 31th

Fore part showers with the wind about N.W. & just midday it hauled around N. on the wind different tacks. saw 2 sail. Lat 2.31 N. our course is N.W.

Wednesday April 1st 63.

Fore & middle part showers. latter part pleasant, had a breeze most of the day, course N.W. by N. wind a little free with head tacks aboard. Lat 3.11. N.

Thursday 2nd

Weather fine. with a strong breeze course N.W. after just a good suff. cleaned the mince machine & put it below. Lat 3.37 N.

Struck the trades

Messenger Bound Home April 3rd. 1863.

Pleasant with as much wind
as we could carry top-gallant-sails to. Had
fore top-gallant-sail in some part of the day
course N.W. yards braced up. Lat. 4.45 N.
Long. 31.51 W.

Yesterday 4th

Weather fine with a
good breeze. It veered a little aft 3rd M.
got main royal & top-mast stunsail on her
set hold. There is nothing doing now a day
but the regular roundness of ships duty
such as bracing the yards trimming the sails
& washing off decks. Lat 5.55. Long 33.09.

Monday 5th

Pleasant with a whole sail
breeze. course N.W. 2 N. wind a-beam. Lat. 7.03 N
Long 36 & a little over upwards of 150 miles distance

Monday 6th

Splendid weather & as much
wind as we could carry all sail to, veing
1 point abait the beam course N.W. 2 N.
flew the fore top-gallant yard, peft on
several rattines &c. It deid my lines & quic-
ked them down again Lat. 8.16 N. Long. 38.18 W.

Tuesday 7th

Fine weather, fresh breeze
course N.W. 2 N. wind 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ points abait the beam
fore top-mast & main top-gallant studding-sail
set. took in waist boat & commenced repair
on her. 1st watch squared some of their
rattines on main rigging. Lat. 10.08 Long. 40.42.

Wednesday 8th

Same as yesterday the same.
all sail out. at work on the boat. Lat. 11.46
Long. 43.02.

Thursday 9th

A squally day. Done but
a little except take in the sail. saw
a Hermaphrodite Brig steering about 4.45 N.
Lat. 13.41 Long. 43.21.

on
Homeward Bound. April 10th 1863

Home squally done
several small jibs about ship.
Chalke Long with a Dutch Brig. ours
47.51 his 47.21. Lat 18.26.

Saturday 11th

Pleasant. most of the day at 4 P.M.
raised a shoal of sperm whales took in the
light sails & were the Lib. Lb. & Boat
boats & succeeded in killing 2 to the L.B.
& 1 & a piece to the others 2 more went
off with a spouting blood. lost 3 of them
along side of the ship about 1/2 a mile
had them to tow some distance lost one
of them, an iron drew out of his head
that being the only place we were fast
to him, it being dark & rugged could not
find him. Mr Hatch was then about a mile
to windward with the 4th one. Capt then
sent the 3rd mate with Lib. boat & crew
up to help tow arrived there after a hard
pull against the wind & sea. he was
towing by the flukes he ordered us to
throw an iron into his head & tow by that.
& there we towed all night one by the
head & the other by the flukes. jack ass
fashion. it was square & rugged. lost sight
of the ship's light about 12 o'clock. at
day light she was 3 miles off with colors
fore & aft. Hatch sent the Lib. boat
on board we then made signals for him to
cut & come on board he arrived about 8 A.M.
a hard uncomfortable night work for anything
got ready & cut in the 2 we had along
side & started the works. so ended
Sunday April 12th. Last night when the
boats were all off offree Grayton a boy
belonging to Vasse N. Holland fell from
the jibboom & was drowned. a sad affair.

course of life
Lat. 11.63 Long 21.81
L. B. 16.00
D. B. 12.00
C. B. B. 12.00



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Messenger Home-ward bound & boiling Rubber
April 13th - 1863
weather fine. course N.W.
under easy sail & employed in rendering
Rubber setting up craft &c &c.

Tuesday 14th

A good breeze & no light
P.M. finished rendering about 2^{pm} then
made all sail course N.W. all hands
again to day washed the ship. boatswains
at work setting up craft &c chalked Long.
with a Spanish Bark - in time ours 54.30. his
51.12. sea watches again

Wednesday 15th

Pleasant with light winds
course N.W. copper at work on waist boat
boatswains keeping around in their boats
fore-mast haws picking oakum washing &c.
Lat 21.00 Long 56.00.

Thursday 16th

Fine weather winds
light from off ship covered the oil
cleaned Capt^{ain} ship tools finished repairs
on waist boat &c course N.W. Lat 21-45 - Long 55.24.

Friday 17th

Pleasant with moderate
breeze. course the same. wind on the gr.
broke out water stoved down the oil &c &c.
Lat 22.41 N. Long 55.00 W.

Saturday 18th

Fine weather with a good
breeze on the gr. weather stern-sails set
allow & a lift. course N.W. squared some
of the packings on fore rigging finished clean-
ing ships tools &c &c little lost bread &c.
It finished up my schrimshoring & stroped
away my tools. Lat 24.07 S. saw one sail.

Sunday 19th

Light winds & pleasant weather. course
N.W. N. saw one sail.

Remarks On Board Messenger, April 20th 63.

Light breeze N.W. calm S.C.W.
course N.W. & W. washed the ship outside
saw a Hermaphrodite Brig. Long 63.40.

Tuesday 21st

Light head winds most of the day. on different tacks. headed our course from 10 to 12 F.M. the watch at work square ing their rattines. the " " doing nothing of any worth mentioning 1st officer went on board of a Dutch brig from Tort Rico bound to Falmouth England. got a few jalaves 2 lunches of sugars & 4 or 5 bottles of I guess Brandy. Long 63.50. W.

Wednesday 22

Very light head winds on the western tack most of the day. latter part of the day calm. worked some fin the pegging. sorted over & mixed some paint. filled the fresh water buckets &c &c. Lat. 27.4. Long. 63.2.

Thursday 23rd

It kept calm all the fore & middle part. latter part there was a light breeze from off the course N.W. dabbing around with paint to day here & there & every where wherever there was any off painted water ways hatch comes &c. Lat. 27.4. Long. 63.18. W.

Friday 24th

A fine day with with good breeze yards square studding early a lar & a loft both sides course N.W. W.N.W. scraped out & stowed over the after hole between decks any thing to keep business good it makes no difference what it is. saw 2 sail one a schooner. Lat. 28.14. W. Long. 63.40. W.

Saturday 25th

Equally all pleasant F.M. at 3 A.M. took in stern tops main royal & jib & ~~lowered~~ to gallant sail between a small calm ship out of the W.W. double reefed the top sails & hauled up the ~~center~~

Messenger Now Bound From St. Helena To New Bedford.

April 25th 1863.

Generally all pleasant & M. at 3 AM took in staysails royal, fore jib, & fore top gallant sail, had a free wind until 4 AM. a squall then came up out of the westward the wind hauled to N.W. double reefed but soon shook them out again & set all the light sails but fore & main tops. at 4 PM set them. all could bear our course N.W. every thing full. Lat. 30.04 N. Long. 66.58 W.

Tuesday 26th

At 3 AM wind shifted from S.S. to W.N.W. & blew half a gale the remainder of the day. had to double reef in the evening. Lat 31.30. Long. 66.47.

Wednesday 27th

Head winds on different tacks. shook 1 reef out of the top sails about 10. AM. & in the evening shook out the other & set main top gallant sail & fore jib. nothing done. did not wash decks & that is almost a miracle. it begins to be quite cool especially at the mast head. saw 2 sail. Lat 32.14 N. Long 68.08 W.

Thursday 28th

Light head winds till the fore part. middle part calm. latter part light breeze from the south & appears to be freezing in. broke out water from lower hold. from from the rump. & intended main top gallant studding-sail. course N.W. saw 2 sail. Lat 32.24 Long. 67.44.

Wednesday 29th

A strong S.W. wind course N.W. about as much wind as we could swing main royal & top gallant & top mast staysail tot. wet hold started beef &c. Lat 33.50 N. Long. saw one sail steering E.

Remarks on board Messenger April 30th - 1863.

Had all sort of weather. squall. raining. & blowy dead winds & fair winds. Headed our course (N.W.) most of the day. double reefed twice. clewed up fore top-sail once. if a squall shoves itself any where it is take in all sail it makes no difference whether the wind is fair or a head wind hauled from S.W. at to N.E. nothing done but take in & make sail.

Lat 36.14.N. Long 68.54.W. had ought to have been at the least 30 miles further a head.

May 1st 1863.

Wind N.E. all the fore part squally. middle part strong breeze. latter part calm. took in & made sail according to wind & weather. threw the try-works overboard lashed up & try-pots cooler spars &c. saw black fish & one or two sail. Lat 37.40.

Saturday 2nd

A dead calm at 11 A.M. light breeze from the south. N.W. course N.E. W. wet hold scraped the mast painted water way broke out & stowed over fore hold between decks punched up & stowed away the craft & boat gear & sundry other jobs to numerous & not worth mentioning. in the evening boarded & her maphrodite brig. (Persephone of Boston.) she left New York yesterday morning got 3 or 4 late papers & a bucket of palates 3 or 4 heads of tobacco &c. she was bound to Trinidad. Lat. 38.20. Long W. 12. 160 miles from Block island.

Sunday 3rd

Fore & latter part of the day had a nice little breeze. middle part very nearly calm course N.E. W. & N.E. wind S.S.W. washed off decks at 4 P.M. saw several sail.

Lat. 40.00.N.
Long. W. 81 E.

Remarks On Board B.^k Messenger May 4th. 1863

Had a fresh breeze all day from S.S.W. at 2nd past 4th made Montauk point bearing N. we then hauled her up to the eastward & run along past block island expecting to get a pilot but got disappointed. spoke a fisherman that said he would take us up the sound. at 11th it sh'd in rainy & thick took in all the light sails & hauled her off shore on eastern tack. it cleared up a little after 2^{PM} & we had pretty decent weather the rest of the day. were up at 8th again at 12 block island light in sight at 12 saw a number of schooners & fish boats.

Tuesday 5th

Had but little wind till day light then it came down from the N.E. all of a sudden, put her on the eastern tack & between N.E. & N. hauled reefed the top sails & hauled up the main-sail at 2nd past 11 spoke the whaling B.^k Benjamin Franklin 4th hours from N. Bedford. we then stood in shore & sighted to mans land Gay-head Cutahunk Point Judith, Seconette point & land all a long shore tacked off again at 4. W.M. Gay head bearing about N.E. we then hauled the main-sail & reefed the fore sail did not set it. backed on again at 12. it gradually breezed on all day. the day ended with a strong E.W.E. wind. saw Gay head light all night saw a number of vessels some going one way & some the other I saw a loon 2. wamps & an old gull so I have some hopes yet of reaching Yankee land but when it is here I do not as the prospect looks now.

Wednesday 6th

Wind E.N.E. & blew a gale ^{gathered} the hardest. 7th M. arrived in Cutahunk 5th when we were ship a little nearer Gay head than we were last night saw Cutahunk & Gay head light at day light purged jib & spanker. at 2nd past 11 reefed over the top sails. at 11 close reefed fore-top sail & set reefed fore-sail. at 2 P.M. close reefed main top sail it blew pretty heavy along in the evening but at 10th wind & sea both went down some saw a Bark steer in W.B. S. had it rainy some of the day.

Remarks On Board 3drd Messenger Nov 1
On The Coast of America Leaving ~~out~~
Out ~~of~~ Cold N.E. Storm

Mar 7th 1863.

It thick fog with some rain.
had nothing more than a strong breeze from
N.E. to S.E. until 1st PM then it failed
from 1st to 8th & few hours the rest
of the day. purled fore top sail & hauled
up fore sail just nights were on different
blocks during the day, threw the lead
several times found 33 fathoms.

Friday 8th

A strong N.E. wind & high
fog all day. cleared up 1st PM & wind went down
as the wind went down made sail & ~~headed~~
headed in shore at sunset made Montauk
point bearing N. & W. were on different
blocks during the night saw Montauk & Block
island lights, saw several sail and a whaler.
broke out water from lower hold.

